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Staff at Berrien Dental in St. Joseph, including dental assistant Debby Spear, left, and dental hygienist Cindy Zachary, are taking many safety precautions during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the use of face shields, KN95 masks and new lab coats when working with each patient.

Finding the new normal

Area dentists reopen amid ongoing worries about coronavirus

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Social distancing guidelines, health screenings, and extra rinsing and suction will be part of your next trip to the dentist.

Many dentist offices reopened this week after being closed, except for emergencies, during the coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent stay-at-home order by the governor.

With the reopening comes many new guidelines and procedures for dental offices to follow, but area dentists say it's not that different than from what their patients are used to.

"For the most part, it's business as usual once you get into the door," said Dr. Todd Christy of Berrien Dental. "That's the best part. We're trying to keep it as normal as it was before."

The Centers for Disease Control, the Michigan Dental Association, the American Dental Association and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) have provided checklists and toolkits for dentists to use as they open offices back up.

Christy said when a patient visits Berrien Dental's office in St. Joseph or Berrien Springs, they will call or text the office to let them know they've arrived.

"We'll go over if anything has changed since the health screening questionnaire they filled out 48 hours before their visit, and when their appointment is ready, we'll take their temperature," he said.

Making sure a patient doesn't have symptoms of illness is the biggest change people will see, according to Dr. Cynthia Liebelt, of Liebelt Dental Care in Coloma.

"And most of the time before COVID, those who are sick have always called to cancel anyways," she said.

Liebelt said her staff will assess their own symptoms, as well.

If someone has a temperature over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, their appointment will get rescheduled or they'll be sent home for the day.

Some dental offices have spread out chairs in their lobbies to accommodate social distancing, but most offices are encouraging people to wait in their cars.

Christy said Berrien Dental's lobbies have been empty for the most part this week, with only parents waiting on small kids.

Many area dentists are explaining their new safety procedures on their websites and social media pages.

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Many dental offices, such as Berrien Dental in St. Joseph, are encouraging social distancing with floor cards in the lobby.

Local health officials: Continue precautions as state reopens

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
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BENTON TOWNSHIP — As more parts of the state open up, staying safe and keeping others safe is all about minimizing your risk and getting tested if you have symptoms, local health officials reported Friday.

"We're all trying to adapt to this new normal. We're all trying to figure this out together," Nicki Britten, health officer for the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD), during the department's weekly news conference.

Social distancing, hand washing and wearing masks are still all recommended when around people outside your household.

"Thinking through that social distance and the number of people. Gatherings of up to 100 are allowed outside, is it right for your event? There are things you still need to be thinking through," Britten said.

Older people and people with underlying health conditions are still encouraged to stay home.

Sick people are encouraged to stay home, consider their symptoms, then seriously consider getting a COVID-19 test. Anyone with a fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, or shortness of breath should definitely seek testing.

To get a diagnostic COVID-19 test, call your doctor to arrange a test or contact a testing site: Spectrum Health Lakeland in St. Joseph, 833-559-0659; InterCare in Benton Harbor and Bangor, 855-869-6900; Rite Aid in Bridgman, www.riteaid.com; Walmart in Benton Township, www.MyQuestCOVIDTest.com; Bronson Lakeview Family Care in Paw Paw, 341-7788; or Ascension Lee Medical Group in Dowagiac, 782-1500. Pre-screening and appointments are required at all testing sites, but not all require a doctor's order.

Britten said the good news is that the local COVID-19 data trends all are looking good.

"We're pretty encouraged by what we're seeing," she said.

The BCHD announced this week it would start moving from daily to weekly updates on its social media pages.

Britten said day-to-day numbers will still be updated on the department's data dashboard, www.bchdmi.org/COVID19, but that the weekly trends provide more information and more context for what's going on.

"As we open things back up at the health department and staff are being pulled in all directions, it's most efficient to do it this way," she said.

Spectrum Health Lakeland President Loren Hamel reported Friday that the hospital system is starting to loosen up its visiting requirements.

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Back to work

Salons, tattoo parlors cheer June 15 reopening

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Janet Varney had been protesting for two days when she got the good news.

The owner of Jan's Hair Salon in St. Joseph had recruited her sister to oppose Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's executive order that prevented Varney from cutting hair by holding a protest in front of her business.

However, Whitmer announced Friday that barbershops, hair salons and other personal-care businesses could reopen statewide in Michigan on June 15 with safety measures in place to reduce the spread of the coronavirus.

"As soon as they got the news, we folded up our chairs and got out of the hot sun," Varney said. "We've been waiting and waiting for this. It's been a struggle for everybody. We have clients who have been with us for a long time. It's what they look forward to every week – to visit and get their hair done."

The personal service industry – hair, massages, nails and tattoos and the like – will be permitted to reopen on June 15. Whitmer said the days leading up to the reopening date will allow business owners and employees to prepare for a safe reopening.

Michigan's personal-care services have been closed since March 22 in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Varney, who has been cutting hair for 50 years, said she intends to see one person at a time to cut down on the possibility of an exposure to the coronavirus.

"We've always practiced safety.

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Adrian Mateo discusses his business, The Legacy House, which he moved to St. Joseph in March, just prior to the COVID-19 pandemic shutting down his industry. The tattoo parlor will open June 15, per the state's latest executive order.

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But if we don't keep our shops clean, then nobody is going to come," she said. "We will try to be a little bit more distancing. I'll wear a mask until we're told we don't have to. I have a thermometer on hand and I have masks that people can use if they need one."

Varney runs a salon out of her home on Hollywood Road and had people calling her within an hour of Whitmer's announcement.

Her hope is to get to everyone, after not seeing her clients for three months.

"I just hope that we can resolve this and everyone can stay healthy," Varney said. "I'm hoping everyone knows to not come out if they're not healthy. Their hair is not as important as their health. I'll work all day long if I have to. I'm a very social person and want to keep things going."

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Hairdresser Kristy Schmitt, left, and Jan Varney, owner of Jan's Styling Salon, were out on Thursday protesting, before Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued a new order Friday that allows hair salons to reopen June 15. The salon is on Hollywood Road in St. Joseph.

Among the businesses set to reopen are tattoo and body piercing facilities.

Adrian Mateo opened his new tattoo parlor in mid-March with the idea of finding a unique space for his clients.

Instead, the COVID-19 pandemic hit and shuttered his shop.

Mateo was confused as to why restaurants were able to reopen for dine-in services on Monday, while tattoo artists and barbers were still in a waiting period.

With Friday's announcement, Mateo announced he plans to contact his wait-listed clients for appointments. He said he plans to explain several new safety protocols.

"We want to do it the right way and work with the state. We aren't trying to create a health risk," Mateo said. "I actually closed my studio before the governor mandate, to get more information on the virus once I saw it was becoming a worldwide problem. I have special relationships with my clients and I care about them."

Mateo has held off months' worth of clients who were patiently waiting on him to open the doors to his new St. Joseph location.

He said he doesn't plan to cram his schedule to try and make up for lost time, but intends to work on tattoos on an individual and daily basis.

"I had been asked many times if was working through the lockdown and I have refused to work on anybody. Not because I don't believe I can't create a safe environment at this point in time, but because tattooers and tattoo shops have had a long-standing history of a terrible professional image," he said. "I just want us to be respected like any other professional service and be able to have the pursuit of happiness, which for me is my art and my clients."

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The offices have added more time between patients to make sure every surface is cleaned thoroughly, though cleaning between patients was something done before COVID-19.

Plexiglass barriers have been erected on the check-in desks, spots have been put on the floor and people will be asked to wear masks when not in the dentist's chair.

"We want to make sure everyone has their space and feels comfortable," Liebelt said. "It's not that different than it was before, besides some barriers for people to have some more room."

Being a surgical-level practice, Dr. David Ronto in St. Joseph said his practice was already meeting the highest sanitation and safety standards for the industry.

"Going forward, we're just going to go over that and make sure it stays consistent," he said.

In the chair

Once a patient is taken back for their appointment, they'll be asked to rinse with a hydrogen peroxide-based rinse.

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STOP Please wait here for your temperature to be taken.
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Berrien Dental is taking a number of precautions against COVID-19, including taking the temperature of all patients and employees.

At Dr. Michael Stusick's office in St. Joseph, an affiliate of Great Lakes Family Dental Group, patients will find staff members wearing full personal protection equipment, according to its office manager, who mentioned "it looks like what you see on TV from the COVID wards at the hospital."

Extra suction and air filtration have also been implemented.

Liebelt said she's tasked some of her assistants to help with suctioning, if needed.

Christy said he has some extra oral suction units ordered.

"Those will draw more of the aerosols away," he said. "We're just waiting on those, like everyone is waiting. We're expecting delivery on those mid-late June."

During the closure

Liebelt said being closed for two and a half months was strange.

"But I had access to my voicemail for emergencies," she said.

Liebelt would call the patient personally and figure out if the emergency was actually an emergency.

"We had to go by certain criteria," she said.

A big help was the specialists and dental surgeons she was able to lean on, to help with root canals and other emergencies.

One of those dentists that remained open for emergencies during the closure was Ronto. He said he treated close to 200 emergencies.

Ronto said he treated patients that still had plier marks from where they tried to take out a bad tooth by themselves during the pandemic.

"Now we're booked out indefinitely," he said Thursday. "We've had to add hours and staff to handle it."

Berrien Dental has added hours to its schedule as well, now opening its St. Joseph office on Fridays.

Ronto said he worries about some of his colleagues going forward.

"It's been a tough time," Ronto said. "We're trying to get back to the basics, keep the small stuff from getting worse, and get through it together as a team."

Christy said he thinks being closed during the pandemic was a good reset for many offices.

"For us, we were able to focus on the kind of care we wanted to provide," he said.

Christy said his staff took two and a half weeks to revamp their operating procedures.

"We had to find some good while being shut down for nine weeks," Christy said. "We took it as, how do we really knock it out of the park when they walk in the door the next time?"

Liebelt said all of her patients' appointments were canceled and needed to be rescheduled.

"We're prioritizing people who have broken things or things we need to get to more quickly, with regular appointments being scheduled a little bit further out," she said.

She said overall the vibe from patients this past week has been very positive.

"They haven't had many questions," Liebelt said. "They're are just happy that the offices are opening back up to take care of their needs."

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Demonstrators vow to sustain momentum until change happens

By BEN FOX and JEFF AMY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Protesters stirred by the death of George Floyd vowed Friday to turn an extraordinary outpouring of grief into a sustained movement as demonstrations shifted to a calmer, but no less determined, focus on addressing racial injustice.

In Minneapolis, where Floyd died in police custody, the city agreed to ban police chokeholds and require officers to intervene any time they see unauthorized force by another officer. The changes are part of a stipulation between the city and state officials who launched a civil rights investigation into Floyd's death. The City Council was expected to approve the agreement, which will be enforceable in court, later Friday.

By early afternoon, demonstrations resumed for an 11th day around the country with continued momentum as the mood of the protests largely shifted from explosive anger to more peaceful calls for change. Despite the change in tone, the country's most significant demonstrations in a half-century – rivaling those during the civil rights and Vietnam War eras – showed no signs of dissipating. Formal and impromptu memorials to Floyd stretched from Minneapolis to North Carolina, where family were gathering Saturday to mourn him, and beyond.

Josiah Roebuck, a Kennesaw State University student and organizer of a demonstration that drew about 100 people Friday in an Atlanta suburb, said he was confident that momentum will be maintained.

"Once you start, you're going to see this every day," said Roebuck, who has attended multiple other Atlanta-area protests. "I just want minorities to be represented properly."

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Mom fears history will repeat for daughter marrying young

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for 18 years. The main reason for my divorce was that I married too young and wasn't ready to be a wife and mother. My daughter has just announced her engagement to a truly wonderful man, but she's only 19. I want to support her, but I'm afraid she's making the same mistake I did. I have tried talking to her about it, but she is sure she is making the right decision.

I am tight on money now, and I don't want to pay for an expensive wedding if it's going to be a waste later on if my daughter gets a divorce. But I do want to be by her side and support her during one of the most important times of her life. What should I do? – Experienced Mom

DEAR MOM: Your daughter already knows you're concerned about her marrying so young and the reasons why. Ultimately, this is her decision – or mistake – to make. Explain that you won't be able to contribute financially to her wedding because money is tight right now, but that you are there to support her emotionally now and forever. Tell her, too, that many successful marriages begin at a courthouse, and you wish her better luck than you had.

DEAR ABBY: My wife of 38 years passed away a year and a half ago. My ex-wife, to whom I was married for 14 years, and who is the mother of our adult kids, is single again after four failed marriages. She's making overtures about getting together again. She is assertive, likes to spend and was very jealous.

At my age, I could use the help, but it would require selling my house and moving several states away. She's really pushing, but I'm just not sure. It would be nice to have someone around because I am lonely. She is a neat lady, but I just don't know. Help! – Propositioned In The Midwest

DEAR PROPOSITIONED: Surely you can find someone to fill your loneliness other than a woman you divorced for at least two solid reasons. I have four words of advice for you: When in doubt – DON'T! Your common sense is fueling your ambivalence. Please pay attention to it. At most, maintain a long-distance friendship with her.

DEAR ABBY: During a recent trip to the supermarket, I noticed a couple in their 50s who were shopping for produce. The woman picked up eight different avocados before selecting one. (I counted.) The man touched three different bags of oranges before placing one in their cart. This was repeated with each item they shopped for!

I considered asking them to stop touching the food, but I didn't want a confrontation. How would you have handled this? Can you please encourage your readers to minimize what they touch for the sake of public safety? – Concerned Shopper

DEAR CONCERNED: I would have handled it by talking about it to the store manager. In California, signs are posted asking customers to please handle merchandise as little as possible, and shoppers are encouraged not only to wear masks and practice social distancing while shopping for groceries, but also to wear gloves.

Once you bring your groceries home, you should wipe them down, and ALWAYS wash your hands thoroughly for the recommended 20 seconds.

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Supporting 'perfect' brother after his affair

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: My "perfect" brother is having an affair and ending his 30-year marriage. He says it is not because of the other woman, whom he has met only a handful of times, but it is pretty clear that is why.

His adult kids are devastated, my sister-in-law is grieving and angry, my mother is horrified and can't talk about it. The girlfriend is still married and has younger kids.

I am reaching out to both my brother and sister-in-law with love and compassion. How does one manage to maintain bonds? I can rationalize, but it is hard. I want to shake him – and I am not eager to meet his girlfriend, if it comes to that. Any advice? – Family

FAMILY: "Perfect" is utter fiction. It's corrosive if he was labeled that and expected to live accordingly; it's corrosive if he labeled himself as such and expected to maintain that as his facade. It's corrosive even if it was just a vibe he always kinda had and others took for granted.

So it's entirely possible, albeit still not excusable, that he on some not-even-conscious level just dynamited the foundation of all of it. To get himself back.

It's also possible the affair partner truly isn't the reason he's leaving his marriage.

He fell for someone else, yes, and that obviously played a huge part. But she could have been what brought his own misery to his attention, the living counter-argument that made the denial he was living in impossible to sustain.

I offer these counter-theories just to urge you to keep an open mind about the reasons the marriage unraveled.

It sounds as if you're managing the complex emotional fallout quite well already, with love and compassion and frank reckoning with your own conflicted feelings. You're probably in the worst of it now, or at least the most volatile, so if you can stay calm and open and focus on listening, then you'll likely emerge in a good position to maintain these valuable relationships.

So much is still in flux, too, so don't worry about how you'll deal with X until you have to.

READERS' COMMENTS: – It sounds like classic midlife crisis. A sane middle-aged person wakes up and is 13 emotionally, falling for the first person he sees as I did over Davy Jones of the Monkees until I met him and realized Micky was cuter. And some do not get a grip and dynamite their lives. – An area you and your family can focus on is your brother's kids. It's perfectly within the family's jurisdiction to make sure even adult nieces/nephews/grandchildren have whatever emotional and logistical support they need. And it might give you a pathway to maintain a relationship with your sister-in-law without appearing to "choose sides." – This hadn't fully occurred to me but resonates with my experiences. Like maybe "perfect" children/siblings/spouses might make choices in part designed to explode long-standing, oppressive expectations. It hit home that sometimes dynamite is the only viable answer when others expect you to hew to expectations that rob you of agency and authenticity. My take? If he's saying it isn't the affair, begin by believing him. And sit with the distress, extend compassion full circle, without falling prey to the temptation to judge or blame.

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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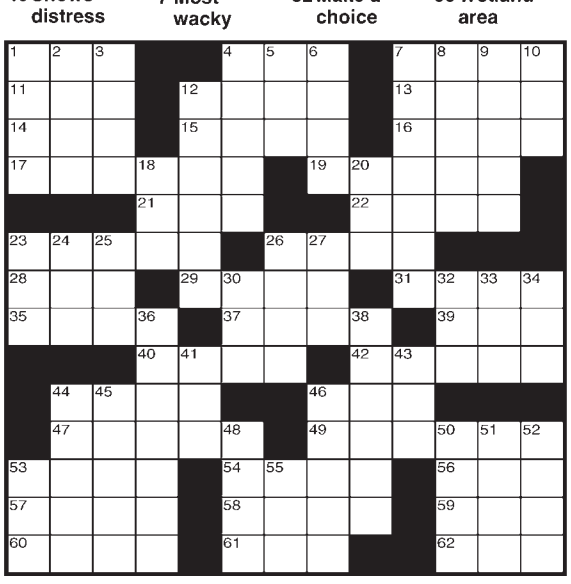

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JUMBLE

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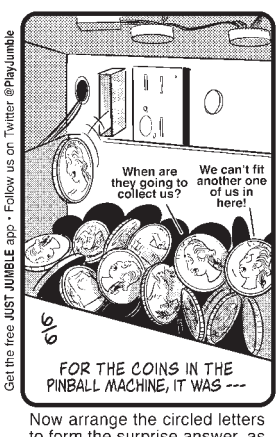

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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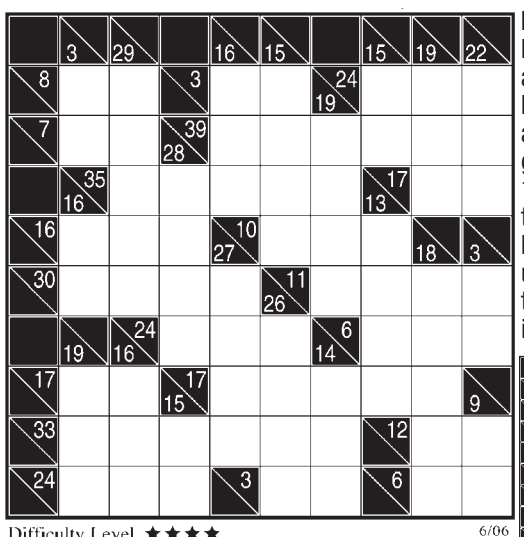
(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ABOUT PLANK PICKET ACTUAL
Answer: When she didn't like the birthday present he gave her, he was — TAKEN ABACK

KAKURO



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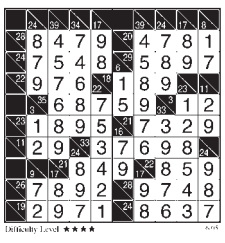

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BRIDGE

As I mentioned yesterday, the 2002 World Bridge Championships were held in Montreal, where we had expected to go in July for the Summer North American Championships. But these have been canceled following the decision by the Quebec government to close the convention hall until at least September 1.

In 2002, the women's McConnell Cup was won by the American powerhouse team of Lynn Deas-Beth Palmer, Irina Levitina-Kerri Sanborn and Jill Meyers-Randi Montin.

In the diagramed deal from the final, both teams reached four spades, but the losers played it from the North side, which, at first glance, looked more favorable, avoiding an immediate heart lead through the queen. However, after West ruffed the third heart, she shifted to a diamond.

North won with her ace and hoped to collect four club tricks. With double-dummy play including finessing the spade eight on the second round of the suit, the contract could have been made, but at the table, it was not.

In the given auction, one club just showed 16 or more points. The rest was natural.

East took the first three tricks in hearts. Then she led a fourth heart, ruffed by West's spade nine and overruffed by dummy's queen. Deas (South) cashed the spade king, played a spade to her eight, took the spade ace and ran the club jack. The finesse won, but when East showed out on the next club, declarer ruffed the fourth club in her hand and ran the diamond queen successfully to make her contract. Nicely played.

North 06-06-20
♠ K Q 7 6
♥ Q 8 2
♦ A 6
♣ A K 8 2

West
♠ 10 9
♥ 9 3
♦ K 8 5 4
♣ Q 9 7 6 3

East
♠ J 3 2
♥ A K J 6
♦ 10 9 7 3 2
♣ 4

South
♠ A 8 5 4
♥ 10 7 5 4
♦ Q J
♣ J 10 5

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1♣	1♥
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 9

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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Similarities exist, but 2020 isn't 1968

Jonah Goldberg

Historical analogies are sometimes interesting and occasionally illuminating, but often they're a substitute for thinking seriously about what's going on in front of you.

For instance, around the time President Donald Trump started tweeting "LAW & ORDER!" at seemingly random intervals, a slew of political observers concluded that the Trump White House was going to replay Richard Nixon's successful 1968 bid for the presidency. "Law and Order" was indeed one of Nixon's campaign themes, though the official slogan was "Nixon's the One" – which raises the question of whether there was a hidden pro-Nixon message in the "Matrix" movies. (Keanu Reeves' character, Neo, was also referred to as "The One.")

There wasn't. But there's as good a case for that as there is for the idea that this is 1968 all over again.

It's true there was a remarkable amount of violence and social unrest in 1968, as there is today. But by almost any measure it was worse in '68. First of all, the overall crime rate was higher in the late '60s. More importantly, political violence was worse. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968. Sen. Robert Kennedy, arguably on his way to securing the Democratic presidential nomination after winning the California primary, was assassinated two months later. The riots after King's death claimed dozens of lives and did vastly more damage in cities across the country than the current unrest has.

For these and many other reasons, the political situation was very different. Nixon was pushing law and order, but that didn't have the racial connotations such a campaign would have today, against the backdrop of the George Floyd protests. That's in part because Nixon was running in a three-way race against then-Vice President Hubert Humphrey and the de facto Dixiecrat but officially independent George Wallace. Nixon's law-and-order messaging was aimed more at the hippies and campus radicals, not African Americans.

Moreover, Nixon was running as the return-to-normalcy candidate. He was no firebrand "new conservative" like Sen. Barry Goldwater, nor was he an anti-integration populist like Wallace. Nixon was the former vice president under the staid and blissfully boring Dwight Eisenhower.

Trump is an incumbent presiding over chaos while claiming to be the anti-chaos candidate. But people felt like the times were chaotic before George Floyd was killed, and a great many Americans blame Trump for it. Yes, if looting continues and Democrats (and the media) are perceived as encouraging mayhem, Trump's law-and-order rhetoric may help him win in November, but it won't be because this is a replay of 1968.

There's a broader point here. Historical analogies mislead for many reasons. First, the past is a different place. Technology, immigration and changing attitudes on everything from sexual norms to religion to popular culture are constantly transforming how society works. If Nixon had Twitter, who knows what 1968 would have looked like. America today is roughly 60 percent white. If it were more than 80 percent white, as it was in '68, I'm not sure how our politics would be different, but I'm sure they would be.

Brink Lindsey, now of the Niskanen Center, once observed that both the left and the right are nostalgic for the 1950s, and "the only difference is that liberals want to work there, while conservatives want to go home there." The problem is that the economy of the 1950s, with its high taxes and strong unions, no longer exists. It cannot be re-created with the right economic policies, because the economic conditions that created that status quo are gone. The war-ravaged economies of Europe and Asia have been rebuilt, factories have been automated and capital can hide from heavy taxation.

Similarly, the sexual revolution, the birth control pill, the civil rights movement, immigration and countless other changes make the Ozzie and Harriet lifestyle a thing of the past.

Another reason historical analogies distort our understanding is that a lot of people just don't know much history. If the only wars you know anything about are World War II and Vietnam, you're probably going to talk about things – "appeasement," "quagmires," etc. – that don't easily fit today. And if you don't know anything about World War II, you might talk about "America First" as if it's a new idea.

It's easy to find the echoes of the past in the present, but if you're lost somewhere, echoes are a very unreliable guide to finding your way.

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An unusual conversation

Cal Thomas

Which of the following would you consider the most unusual and least likely to occur?

1) President Donald Trump calls Speaker Nancy Pelosi to invite her to lunch.

2) Rioters and looters agree to pay for the damage they caused to businesses and individuals.

3) Conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh appears on "The Breakfast Club," a nationally syndicated radio program that features discussions on progressive politics and black culture.

Number three is the correct answer and it was a fascinating moment. While it appeared that the hosts and Limbaugh were occasionally talking over each other, the conservative had to earn at least some respect with his forceful denunciation of the killing of George Floyd and his belief that the police officer who killed him should be charged with first, not third-degree murder.

"The Breakfast Club" hosts, DJ Envy, Angela Yee and Lenard Larry McKelvey, known professionally as Charlamagne tha God, focused mainly on what they called "white privilege" as the source of misery in much of the African American community. Limbaugh countered that the three were examples of how one can overcome obstacles, including discrimination.

Charlamagne reiterated his accusation of white privilege and added "white supremacy."

What is important in this continuing debate is not each "side" getting in its talking points but listening to how the other reached the conclusions that created their worldview.

Saying things that only reinforce one's stereotypes and ideology doesn't solve the problem, and who doubts there is a problem?

I have written this before, even recently, but the main problem is not only racism. It is that we don't know each other. The late Republican Congressman Jack Kemp used to say that as a professional football player he had showered with more African Americans than attend the Republican National Convention. Black people who knew him called him a friend.

Growing up in a virtually all-white Washington, D.C., suburb (a city that practiced segregation well into the 1960s) I didn't know anyone of a different race, other than a family maid, until I began playing college basketball. Showering and eating meals with people who were "different" from me bridged a gap that no legislation could span. I came to see them as teammates, friends, equals and better players than me.

White people have enjoyed privilege from the beginning of the country in almost every category. This includes professional sports, which are now dominated by African Americans, but for many years were not. I recently again watched the Ken Burns series "Baseball" on PBS and was reminded of how that sport (and others) banned black players from fields and courts simply because they were black. It is important for white people to acknowledge white privilege and this history of white supremacy before helpful and healing conversations can begin and race relations improved.

Limbaugh also made a political point the hosts were unable or unwilling to answer. He wondered why so many African Americans continue to vote for Democrats when that party, he said, had done little to help them? Angela Yee responded with the stock answer that she votes for the person, not the party. She should have been asked, "When was the last time you voted for a Republican?"

After "The Breakfast Club" segment was played on Limbaugh's program, a woman caller offered her definition of white privilege. She said it came from how the country was founded, reserving economic and political power for white, land-owning men.

Some will be surprised that Limbaugh seemed to agree with her. He called her summation "brilliant." More of us need to have these conversations and not be so eager to get in our talking points. We should speak less and listen more.

"The Breakfast Club" exchange was a good first step toward achieving that goal.

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LETTERS

Biblical analogies to Trump's destruction

Editor,

If you are looking for a good book to read this summer, why not consider the Bible? Trump might even lend you his nearly mint copy. I guarantee you he's never even opened it.

The Book of Job and Revelation come to mind as being particularly relevant these days. Job, a righteous, prosperous and devout man, has every catastrophe and misfortune imaginable heaped on him by God. What he doesn't know is that God has made a bet with Satan that Job will remain faithful no matter what he does to him. I won't give away the ending, but it's a real page-turner if you haven't already read it.

In Revelation we have the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. Pestilence rides a white horse, War is on a red one, Famine on a black and Death is supposed to be on a pale horse, but the President of the United States would make a pretty good stand-in, even though he hates animals. He is already responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands of Americans, and it's anybody's guess how many more of us will succumb before we get rid of him. That is, *if* we do. You can bet he's not going to go quietly.

Trump is doing his best to destroy this country, and yet a large majority of Republicans are still sitting idly by letting him get away with it. And to what purpose? Although I disagree with them in almost every category, I simply cannot understand how anyone could willingly and blindly follow this deranged sociopath over the abyss. What am I missing?

We are supposed to have a representative in Congress, I think his name is Fred something. Has anyone seen or heard from him lately? Maybe he could explain what is going on. Why don't we have a functioning government looking out for our interests? There is every reason to expect that the virus, the economy, social inequality and our environment are going to continue to get worse for an indefinite period of time, and yet many of us refuse to do the most basic things like wearing masks and distancing to do our part to help mitigate the nightmare we are all experiencing. And oh yes, one more thing: voting in November, and making sure everyone else has a chance to do so, might also be a good idea.

Scott Elliott
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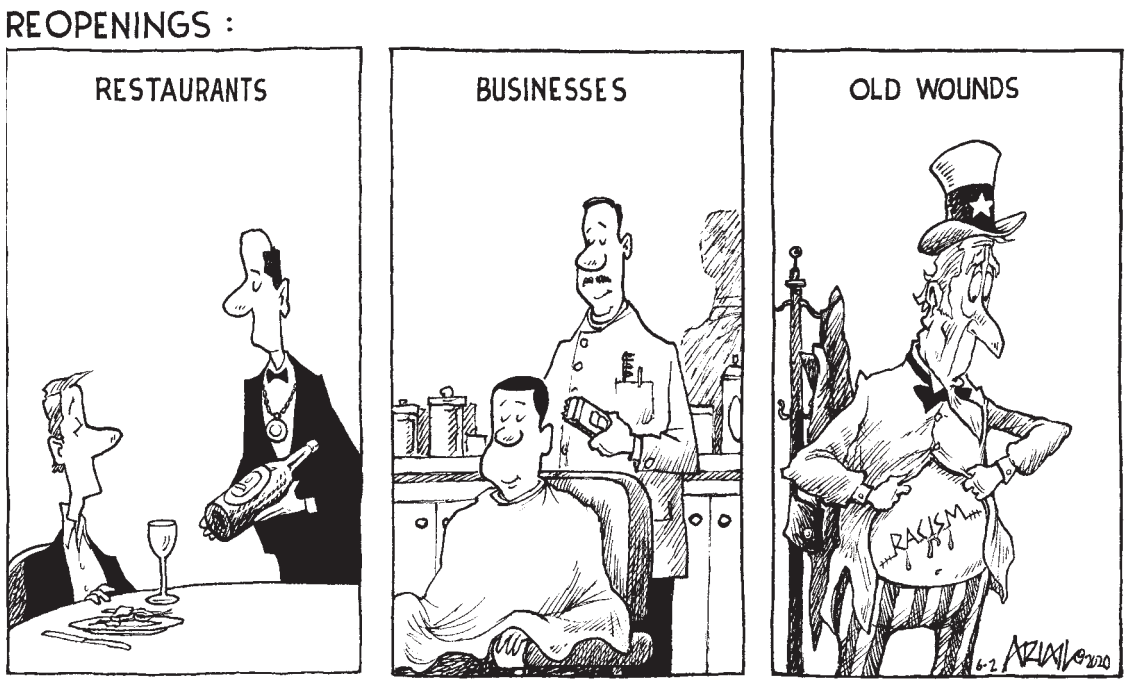

It's good to look back and memorialize

Editor,

Looking back to the Memorial Day weekend, I want to thank the caretakers at Crystal Springs Cemetery for the beautiful work they did at the last minute. I found out they no longer are paid, as of March, and mostly did this on their own as volunteers.

It's so hard for older people to tend their family plots, so we appreciate the lawnmowing. I was there a few days before Memorial Day when it looked pretty ragged, but I went again on May 27, as it looked fine, grass all mowed.

It is important to bring your own flag for the older section. It's so sad that people can't get together over things like the Civil War! The Civil War Bicentennial (1861-1865) has come and gone with no special monument in the Benton Harbor area – except for the Rock Edwards farm (1860) in Sodus Township, where I live.

I really appreciate all the help I've had from several people for yardwork, mostly neighbors, along with our Log Cabin Society of Michigan. I saw our farm labeled on Google Earth under the owner as "Log Cabin Society" and also found it on Wikipedia under "Rock Edwards Farmstead."

Also, we had cooperation from State Sen. Ron Jelinek, the state Department of History, Gov. John Engler, and National Register of Historic Places. Thanks to Rock Edwards, an immigrant from England!

Virginia Handy
Sodus

D.C. residents deserve full representation

Editor,

I, like many of my friends and neighbors, was horrified that President Trump ordered the use of tear gas and flash grenades to clear peaceful protesters so he could have a photo-op in front of a church. As I submit this, he is still sending military police and helicopters to patrol and terrorize the residents of Washington, D.C.

The problem is that there is nobody in Washington, D.C.'s government who can stop this because they lack the basic representation that Americans living in the 50 states have. Without statehood, our fellow Americans do not have senators or voting representatives in Congress, nor a governor to say "no thanks" to pepper-spraying peaceful protestors.

My daughter, her husband, and their young children live in Washington, D.C., and I fear for their safety; not from the regular things a mother and grandmother worries about, but from the Trump Administration.

Washington, D.C.'s population of 702,455 is greater than the states of Wyoming and Vermont. D.C. residents pay more than $26 billion in federal taxes, more than 22 states. It's past time to give the people of D.C. fair and equal treatment in our democracy.

Prior to the militarization of our nation's capital, African Americans there were already suffering disproportionately from the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of those infected in D.C. are people of color, and 75 percent of those who have died are African-American. This dynamic is sadly similar to Michigan where African Americans make up 33 percent of people infected, and 40 percent of deaths. Tragically, Washington, D.C. residents received less than half the COVID-19 funding that Americans living in the 50 states did, due to its lack of statehood.

Most Democrats in both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate have co-sponsored legislation to give the residents of D.C. the same rights that other Americans take for granted. But our senators, Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow, haven't joined them yet. It's time for them to support full voting rights for the residents of D.C. If the aggressive militarization of D.C. has taught us anything it is that now more than ever, we need to stand for what is right and not stand idly by. Americans need Sens. Peters and Stabenow to be on the right side of history now.

Judi Diamond-Falk
New Buffalo

ANOTHER OPINION

Open a conversation about race

Everyone should be outraged at the death of George Floyd and should join us in asking hard questions and pushing for change.

It should be clear that this country has made strides in recent decades, but it should also be self-evident that more work needs to be done. It is true that legal barriers to equality have fallen. In fact, many of our institutions have altered policies and many are led by people who themselves have suffered the scourge of racism. So there is a desire and an opportunity to do things differently.

As we face curfews and grapple with the enormity of the events we are now living through, we would like to suggest pausing to ask an uncomfortable question: Have we really engaged on an individual and family level a thoughtful, inclusive, and open minded discussion about race, about the challenges our history presents and about suffering and grievance so many of our fellow citizens feel or live every day?

To ask the question is to suggest an answer. And here, it might be helpful to suggest many people consider the thoughts of civil rights attorney Bryan Stevenson – the man recently featured in the movie Just Mercy. He offers four straightforward pieces of advice when seeking to make a difference: get proximate, change the narrative, stay hopeful, and learn to be uncomfortable.

Are you talking to your family and friends about race and how skin color affects daily life? Have you asked why some of your neighbors are so moved by what they see that they are marching in the streets? Do you acknowledge that their experiences, concerns, and fears are valid? Such conversations are important, and, yeah, sometimes they will be uncomfortable. ...

Racism is a cancer that pervades our society, but it doesn't have to be with us forever. Engaging in a conversation now is one thing each person can do to open their hearts to meaningful change that can eradicate assumptions and beliefs that have fed this cancer for too long.

– The Dallas Morning News

OBITUARIES

Eleanor Grams

Dec. 13, 1926 – June 1, 2020

Eleanor L. Grams passed away and went to be with the Lord on Monday, June 1, 2020, at the age of 93.

Eleanor was born Dec. 13, 1926, in Benton Harbor, to August and Lydia Menchinger, the oldest of three children. At an early age she learned to help do things around her parent's farm, and in time became quite adept at moving livestock, driving a tractor and the other necessary things required to keep a farm running. She had a great love of music and learned to play first piano, then organ. Mom also enjoyed teaching her younger sister, Shirley, and helping her to learn as they grew up together. Her youngest sister, Nancy, came along later, and Mom was able to set examples as an adult that Nancy could use during her life. Mom enjoyed attending Benton Harbor Public Schools and excelled in her studies, becoming proficient at bookkeeping, which would help later in running the family business after getting married to the love of her life, Joel G. Grams. She had accepted Joel's proposal of marriage and they became engaged before Joel left as a member of the Army Corp of Engineers for duty in the European War Theater. Eleanor graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1943 and went to work for Ross Carrier in Benton Harbor during the war years, like so many women and men did stateside to support the Allied troops overseas and secure victory over the Axis forces. She was also waiting for Joel to come home from Europe so they could be married and start a family, build a small business and have a long, happy and wonderful life together for over 56 years.

After three years of waiting, not knowing if they might ever see each other again due to the war, expressing their feelings only by mail, they were both ready to get married! Eleanor and Joel were wed Jan. 12, 1946. With Dad working first at Sears, then starting a home construction company, they started to build a family that resulted in three children, Donna, Kathy and Joel. Mom was in charge of the "home front" and she kept a tidy, well-run home with delicious meals and fantastic baked desserts always in supply. Mom was active in her children's public school education, involved in the PTA and other school support organizations. She helped her children as they developed the love for learning and knowledge that she had always had. Mom and Dad loved to take the kids on vacation, with Dad driving and Mom managing the three kids in the back seat. With trips west to California, north to the Upper Peninsula and Canada, east to Washington D.C. and south to Florida, the family learned they lived in a beautiful nation.

As Dad developed their business, Mom kept the books, managed accounts and supplemented Dad's design talents with her own abilities in decorating and home style and, well, just plain hard work! They were a successful team, providing beautiful homes to many families in the Twin Cities area. As Dad transitioned from active construction to the real estate business and with the kids grown up, Mom went to work as an executive assistant with Whirlpool for a number of years and enjoyed her time there.

Eleanor was a lifelong and faithful member of the First Church of God, St. Joseph, first by growing up in a loving and faith-centered family, and then providing that love to her children. She was active in all aspects of church life, including mission outreach and Bible study. With her beautiful voice she added enthusiasm as she sang in various choirs and played piano and organ for services. She and Dad enjoyed many groups in the church, especially the Prime Time activities. Mom and Dad developed lifelong friendships with other church families and dedicated much of their time and energy to serve the church in many other capacities. The worship and fellowship that First Church of God provided was always central to their lives, along with the love for their family.

In the last few years, Mom developed a very special and meaningful friendship with her caregiver and companion, Laurie Springs, developing a bond that was quite remarkable. Our family wishes to thank Laurie for all her help, humor, support and sharing of faith with Mom. It meant the world to our family.

The family would also like to thank Caring Circle Hospice and the staff and guest assistants at Caretel Inns for providing care to mom over the last year.

Eleanor is survived by her children: Donna (Richard) Sharp, Kathleen (James) Cena and Joel (Judith) Grams; granddaughter, Susan (Jacob) Nieten; her sisters, Shirley Zick and Nancy Case; brother-in-law, Stanley (Charlotte) Grams; and nieces and nephews: Cheryl, Debbie and Garry; Matthew and Jason; James and Sandy; Lois Ann; and Amelia.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband, Joel G. Grams; parents, August and Lydia Menchinger; brothers-in-law, Harry Zick and Steven Case; and sister and brother-in-law, Estella and Frank Sellars; brother-in-law, Allen B. Grams; sister-in-law, Jane Grams; and nephew Terry Grams.

On Wednesday, June 10, the family will receive guests at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m.-noon. A private family service will follow after the visitation with Pastors Bob Moss and Bob Confer officiating. Due to the coronavirus threat, the family is requesting all visitors to the chapel wear an effective face mask and practice appropriate physical distancing. While we want to honor our mother, we want all to be safe while doing so. Starks and Menchinger staff will assist with visitation limits.

Immediate family members will attend a private interment later in Hickory Bluff Cemetery, Stevensville. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Church of God Endowment Fund. Those wishing to leave an online condolence for the family may do so at: www.starks-menchinger.com.

Death notices

Nancy (Zink) Armstong, 76, of Benton Harbor died June 4, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Rose M. (Bischoff) Beckman, 89, of Albemarle, N.C., formerly of St. Joseph died June 1, 2020, at Bethany Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Albemarle. Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care, Albemarle, (704) 982-8134.

Glenn Patrick Davis, 73, of Benton Harbor died June 1, 2020, at Hallmark Living, Benton Harbor. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

David Hadley, 55, Of Benton Harbor died June 4, 2020, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

William "Bill" Jackson, 87, of Benton Harbor died June 3, 2020, at home. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

Ronald L. Roberts, 60, of Stevensville died June 4, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Josiah D. Roldan, infant, of Niles died June 3, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Verlin N. Harder

Nov. 11, 1937 – June 4, 2020

Verlin N. Harder, 82, of Holland, Mich., formerly of St. Joseph passed away on June 4, 2020.

A private celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 9, at First Congregational Church UCC, 2001 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, with Pastor Jeffrey Hubers officiating. A live streaming of the service will be available at www.fccstjoseph.org. Friends may join the family for the committal service at noon on Tuesday at Hickory Bluff Cemetery. Friends may also visit with the family from 4-6 p.m. Monday, June 8, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church UCC, 2001 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, or St. Joseph Band & Orchestra Parents (SJBOP), 2521 Stadium Dr., St. Joseph. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Verlin was born on Nov. 11, 1937, to Henry and Hilda (Klassen) Harder in Enid, Okla., and then raised in Aberdeen, Idaho. Verlin graduated from University High School in Normal, Ill., then continued his education at Bethel College, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1962. On Sept. 26, 1959, Verlin married the love of his life, Roberta "Bobbie" Magee, in the chapel at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Mich.

Verlin started working for Mercy Hospital in Benton Harbor in 1965 and retired as chief financial officer from Lakeland Regional Health Care in 2000. Verlin was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs. He also enjoyed traveling, as he visited all 50 U.S. states and most of the provinces in Canada, but his favorite place was to travel to Walt Disney World with his family.

Verlin is survived by his wife of 60 years, Bobbie Harder of Holland; children, Michelle (Ted) Diamond of St. Joseph and Mark (Angie) Harder of Holland; grandchildren, Joe, Dan (Cecilia), Tom (Katie Hoyt), Matt (Meagan), James and Jakob; and brother, Paul (Eldine) Harder of Newton, Kan.

Verlin was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Hilda Harder; and brother, Glennie Harder.

William 'Bill' Jackson

Dec. 23, 1932 – June 3, 2020

William "Bill" Jackson, 87, died at his home in Benton Harbor, on Wednesday, June 3, 2020.

Mr. Jackson was born in Rector, Clay County, Ark., in 1932, to Bernice and James Jackson.

Survivors include his children, Deborah (Clinton) McVay of Watervliet, Diana (Clyde Stanage) Schmuhl of Benton Harbor, James (Toni) Jackson of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Dena (Lou) Brule of Coloma; two sisters, Mildred Sexton of Watervliet and Denise (Mike) Crockett of Benton Harbor; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and friends and neighbors that were just like family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather, James Merritt; the love of his life for 62 years, Josephine (Volpe); two sisters, Betty (Jackson) Merritt and Dorothy (Jackson) Baushke; and a brother, Thomas Jackson.

Bill held many positions in the die casting industry from machine operator to a tool room supervisor during his time at New Products Corporation, Benton Harbor Malleable, and finally retiring from Cast-Matic Corporation. He was an avid bowler, golfer and the owner and head coach of "Bill's Bulldogs" and "The Jackson's" softball teams. His lifelong best friend and Boy Scout troopmate, the late Johnny Songer, held a special place in Bill's heart. Bill continued to be a supporter of both Boy and Girl Scouts movements through his children, grandchild and even to his great-grandchildren, having such fond memories of his own experiences. He was truly one of a kind man with a heart of gold. He will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by many family members, friends and acquaintances, as he never met a stranger.

The funeral will be a private service at Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet, followed by interment in North Shore Memory Gardens in Hagar Shores on Wednesday, June 10.

The family would like to invite all friends and extended family to a Celebration of Life luncheon at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at Lake Township Park in Bridgman. Memorials may be sent in Bill's memory to the Senior Nutrition Services, Inc. Meals on Wheels program at www.snsmeals.org/donate.

Evelyn June Klingerman

June 8, 1926 – June 3, 2020

Evelyn June Klingerman (born Evelyn June Gaul), 93, of Buchanan passed away Wednesday, June 3, 2020, just five days shy of her 94th birthday.

Born on June 8, 1926, Evelyn spent her childhood picking strawberries in a local field in Baroda (a story that she would frequently share with her close family members). In 1944, Evelyn graduated from Buchanan High School and began her life as a life-long resident of the city of Buchanan. Evelyn was always seen in various places in the community, whether it was attending sporting events of her children and grandchildren, volunteering as a photographer for the annual Miss Buchanan Scholarship contest or greeting people at Chemical Bank, where she worked for 60 years. She spent her days walking her dogs in her neighborhood on Claremont Street in Buchanan and visiting with her neighbors in her screened-in garage during the summer months. However, her greatest pleasure was always the time that she was able to spend with her friends and family.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 46 years, George B. Klingerman of Buchanan; her parents, Alfred and Ella (Bonesz) Gaul of Buchanan; her brothers, Kenneth, Arthur, Leonard and Harold (Tootie); her son-in-law, Charles Bibler of Portland, Ind.,; and her great-grandchild, Brady Charles Widman of Fort Wayne, Ind.

She is survived by her four children, Stephen (Brenda) Klingerman, Sheri (Ernest) Foster, Susan (Charles) Bibler and Kelly (William) Catalano; 16 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Evelyn's family extends its sincere thanks to the nurses and caregivers at Riveridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Niles, where she was a resident since 2014.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, at Swem Chapel, 301 W. Front St., Buchanan, with Pastor Ellen Bierlein officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Buchanan. Visitation will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, June 8, also at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the service from noon-1 p.m. Tuesday. A sanitizing station and surgical masks if desired, will be offered to the public for your comfort and safety. Memorial contributions can be made to Miss Buchanan Inc., where Evelyn, her husband George, her brother Harold Gaul, and her sister-in-law Phyllis Gaul served as life-long volunteers. Those wishing to send a condolence online may do so at www.swemchapel.com.

Rose Marie Bischoff Beckman

Oct. 16, 1930 – June 1, 2020

Rose Marie Bischoff Beckman, 89, of Albemarle, N.C., passed away Monday June 1, 2020, at Bethany Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Her virtual service with Zoom will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday June 13, hosted at Albemarle Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, with Elder Teddy Proffer Jr. officiating. Mrs. Beckman will be buried in Hill Cemetery in Lawrence at a later date.

Mrs. Beckman was born Oct. 16, 1930, in St. Joseph, to Lenord Reinhold Bischoff and Mary Hemming Bischoff. She was a homemaker and was a member of the Albemarle Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Rose is preceded in death by her husband, Louis Robert Beckman Sr.

She is survived by two sons, Louis R. Beckman Jr. (and wife, Deborah) of Matthews, N.C., and Jason S. Beckman (and wife, Wendy) of Albemarle; a daughter, Deborah Kay Beckman of Port Orange, Fla..; brother, David Bischoff of Stevensville; sister, Lucille B. Whetstone of Mishawaka, Ind..; two grandchildren, Brandon Louis Beckman and Brienne Darsha Gibson; and a great-great-grandson, Stone Alexander Beckman.

Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care of Albemarle is serving the Beckman family.

Ronald Lee Roberts

Nov. 18, 1959 – June 4, 2020

Ronald Lee Roberts, 60, of Stevensville passed away after a brief battle with cancer on June 4, 2020, at his home, surrounded by his family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Funeral Home, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Ronald was born on Nov. 18, 1959, in St. Joseph, to Clois and Betty (Catania) Roberts. He worked at the Taco Bell in Sawyer. Ronald graduated from Blossomland Learning Center in Berrien Springs, and worked through and with Gateway Services of Benton Harbor. He was an avid participant in the International Special Olympics, winning many medals and trophies with his bowling talents. Among his many sources of enjoyment were the Game Show Network (GSN), western movies, music, animals and people. He loved spending time with family, especially his brother-in-law, Michael. Ronald will be dearly missed by family and friends.

Ronald is survived by his mother, Betty Jane Roberts of Stevensville; sister, Pam (Michael) Zandarski Sr. of Baroda; brother, Clois Roberts Jr. of Stevensville; and a nephew, Terrell Morrison Jr. of Louisiana.

Private family services are being held, with a memorial service at a later date. Burial will take place in North Shore Memory Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Gateway Services in Benton Harbor or to the Southwest Michigan Humane Society.

Andrew James Brown Sr.

Jan. 21, 1924 – May 29, 2020

Andrew James Brown Sr., 96, of Berrien Springs died May 29, 2020, at Pine Ridge Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Stevensville.

He was born Jan. 21, 1924, in Wilmington, N.C., to Clara Brown and Sam Aaron Bannerman Sr., and he was raised in Currie, N.C. He served for two and a half years with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. Prior to moving to Michigan, he resided in New Jersey for over 70 years, where he was employed at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company for 33 years and Hayward Industries for over 20 years. He was a quiet man who enjoyed football, cooking, family and friends.

Mr. Brown was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine.

He is survived by his son, Andrew J. Brown Jr. (wife Ruby); grandson, Andrew J. Brown III; and four great-grandchildren: Emma, Andrew IV, Jonas and Nadia; very close nieces and nephews, Carolyn Nobles, Ronald Weeks and Vera Mathis; and a host of other family and friends.

A memorial service will be held once the pandemic has subsided. Online messages may be shared at www.allredfuneralhome.com.

BIRTHS

Lakeland Medical Center – Niles

Buchanan – Boy, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, Allison and Erik Faris, 4:32 a.m. May 30.

Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Baroda – Twins: Boy, 5 pounds even, 9:13 a.m.; Girl, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, 9:14 a.m., Kristen Pfeffer and Elijah Eversole, June 2.

Baroda – Boy, 8 pounds even, Samantha Rodriguez and Keegan White, 9:14 p.m. May 29.

Berrien Springs – Boy, 8 pounds, 5.7 ounces, Elizabeth Lewellen, 8:53 p.m. May 28.

Coloma – Girl, 9 pounds, 9.8 ounces, Katrina and Jarrod Hankins, 3:13 p.m. May 28.

Coloma – Boy, 8 pounds, 15 ounces, Megan and Mark Mahler, 5:51 p.m. May 31.

Eau Claire – Girl, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, Cheryl Clark and Ben Harrington, 12:51 a.m. May 30.

BLOOD DRIVES

Versiti Blood Center

7 a.m.-1 p.m. today, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

ST. JOSEPH – The following marriage licenses have been issued by Berrien County Clerk Sharon Tyler.

Dawn Marie Dorris and Justin Patrick Terrell, both of Coloma.

Kaitlin Shelby Florea of Grand Haven, Mich., and Robert Christian McDonald of Berrien Springs.

Zakiyyah H. Najieb and Leroy Marques Worrell Jr., both of Chicago.

Robyn Lee Priebe of Eau Claire and Thomas Lee Patrick of Indianapolis.

Kaitlyn Marie Rigg of Berrien Springs and Derrick Joel Del Valle La Torre of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Susan Debra Salmons of Coloma and Rick Eugene Stevens of Benton Harbor.

Cheryl Ann Simpson and Kevin Bertram Schoff, both of Niles.

Kibra Latise VanHorn and Nathaniel Jermaine Williams, both of Benton Harbor.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Students at Hollywood Elementary in Stevensville have Jason Weage of Boy Scout Troop 607 to thank for improvements he made at the school's nature center, "Holly Woods." Jason, a 17-year-old junior at Lakeshore High School, completed the task for his Eagle Scout project. The project involved approximately 175-200 hours of work. He made a sign for the nature center, marked the trails with 4x4 posts, dug holes and put identifying markers on the posts for all the trees and shrubs.

Jason chose the nature center at the school as the recipient of his labors because he has two sisters, first-grader, Kristi, and third-grader, Elizabeth, who attend Hollywood School.

35 years ago – 1985

Mary W. Wolf, a 1974 graduate of St. Joseph High School, has received a doctor of medicine degree from Temple University, Philadelphia.

Dr. Wolf, daughter of Norbert and Mary Wolf of St. Joseph Township, will serve a residency in family practice at Montgomery Hospital, Norristown, Pa., where her husband, Dr. John MacCourt, is in the second year of residency in family practice.

50 years ago – 1970

Sixty percent of a parts warehouse and part of the office building of Clark Equipment's Hancock Division, located in Lubbock, Texas, was destroyed or moved off its foundation by a tornado that ripped through the city on May 11. None of the employees working the night shift when the tornado struck were injured. Clean up work at the division and throughout the eight-mile long path of the tornado is still in progress and the plant will be rebuilt, according to Clark officials here.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, June 6, the 158th day of 2020. There are 208 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On June 6, 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy died at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, 25 ½ hours after he was shot by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

On this date:

In 1799, American politician and orator Patrick Henry died at Red Hill Plantation in Virginia.

In 1816, a snowstorm struck the northeastern U.S., heralding what would become known as the "Year Without a Summer."

In 1918, U.S. Marines suffered heavy casualties as they launched their eventually successful counteroffensive against German troops in the World War I Battle of Belleau Wood in France.

In 1933, the first drive-in movie theater was opened by Richard Hollingshead in Camden County, New Jersey. (The movie shown was "Wives Beware," starring Adolphe Menjou.)

In 1939, the first Little League game was played as Lundy Lumber defeated Lycoming Dairy 23-8 in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy, France, on "D-Day" as they began the liberation of German-occupied Western Europe.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Scattered T-storms
70°	55°	75° / 62°	79° / 68°	83° / 70°	74° / 65°

Local Outlook

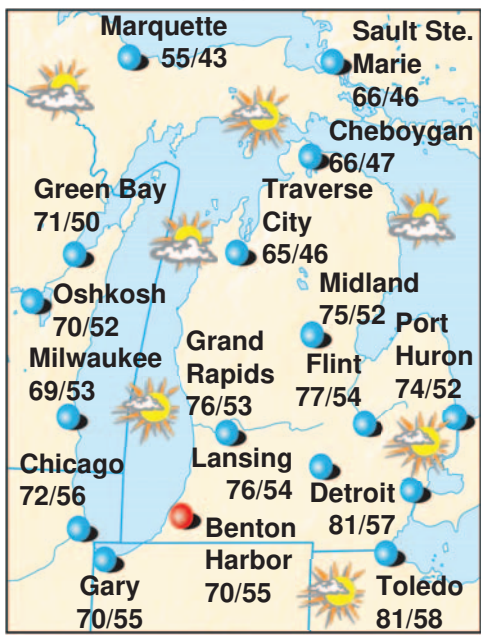
Today we will see mostly sunny skies, high temperature of 70°, humidity of 57%. Northwest wind 5 to 13 mph. Expect mostly clear skies tonight, overnight low of 55°. South southeast wind 3 to 13 mph. Sunday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 75°, humidity of 52%.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 6:10 a.m.
Sunset ..... 9:19 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 10:34 p.m.
Moonset ..... 6:50 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
6/13	6/21	6/28	7/5

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	87°
Low	69°
Normal High	77°
Normal Low	55°
Record High	89° in 2005
Record Low	41° in 1998

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	Trace
Normal for month	0.67"
Year to date	18.96"
Normal Year to date	13.65"

Air Quality

Yesterday 72
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

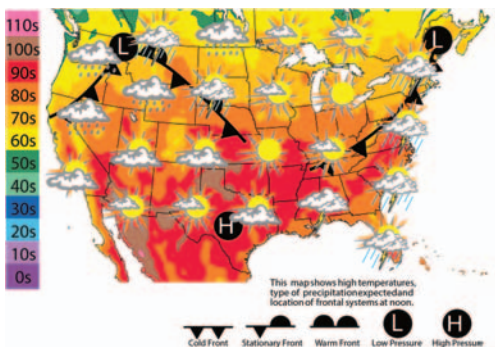
Weather Trivia

What does the term "lake effect snow" mean?

Answer: It is snow created by massive evaporation that occurs over the Great Lakes.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for June 6, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, NNW wind 5 to 12 kt. Sunny. Waves 1 to 3 ft. Water temperature 63 degrees. Tonight, N wind 8 to 11 kt. Mostly clear. Waves 3 to 4 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 50s and 60s. Northwest wind 8 to 13 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with isolated showers, highs in the 50s and 60s. East northeast wind 3 to 7 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly sunny with highs in the 70s and 80s. Northwest wind 5 to 13 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Sunday with highs in the 60s and 70s. East northeast wind 5 mph.

PRECAUTIONS

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"And if you have health care needs, it's time for you to care for those needs," he said. "You can postpone it for a week or a month, but not any longer or you could suffer. If you have questions, pick up the phone and we'll offer guidance."

In addition, Hamel reported that the hospital has conducted 250 COVID-19 antibody tests so far.

Anyone who had coronavirus-like symptoms who wasn't tested for the virus, or anyone who may have come into contact with someone who had COVID-19 but was asymptomatic, can get a test.

To get an antibody test, call your doctor to have them order a test, then set up an appointment with Spectrum Health Lakeland by calling 556-2810.

Britten, Hamel and Berrien County Undersheriff Chuck Heit also took a moment during the news conference to condemn the actions of the police officers that caused George Floyd's death last week in Minneapolis.

"In public health, we need to keep asking, "Why is this happening?" Britten said.

Count updates

Berrien County recorded just one new COVID-19 case Friday. It's been a couple of months since the county recorded just one new case in a day.

In addition Friday, the county added four recoveries.

With 536 total recoveries and 53 deaths, the county now has about 58 active COVID-19 cases.

Last Friday, the county listed 92 active cases.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating seven COVID-19 patients as of Friday morning, three less than on Thursday.

Berrien and Van Buren counties are both showing about 6 percent of its COVID-19 tests coming back positive, while in Cass County about 3 percent of tests are coming back positive.

The Van Buren Cass District Health Department released its weekly number of recovered COVID-19 patients Friday. Van Buren now has 90 people recovered, 11 more than last week, while Cass has 41 recovered, six more than last week.

Neither county has reported a death in the last week. Van Buren has recorded six deaths and Cass has three.

Van Buren county added one case Friday, and Cass added three.

With deaths and recoveries, Van Buren County now has about 55 active cases, four more than last Friday.

Cass County now has about 44 active cases, two more than last Friday.

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Back axe it

Lumberjax Urban Axe Throwing opens in new, larger location

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The timing of the coronavirus pandemic was almost perfect for Lumberjax Urban Axe Throwing in St. Joseph.

"The good part, for us, was that we had the time to just get in here and build every day," said owner Austin Bock. Lumberjax, which Bock opened last summer beneath his Bound For Freedom store in downtown St. Joseph, had acquired the former Benson's Carpet building, along Niles Avenue in St. Joseph, in January to expand its operation.

The two and a half month closure gave the business time to transform the new, larger space.

The larger space can accommodate groups of 50, and includes 10 lanes for people to throw axes in.

"One of the advantages to having a larger space is to accommodate walk-ins," Bock said. "In the old space, with only two lanes, sometimes it was difficult to handle those. People were wanting to do it right then and they couldn't because we just didn't have the capacity."

The old space also had a shorter ceiling and less room for spectators.

"People can come and watch the league events and tournaments now, and not feel as weird," Bock said.

The new space is complete with a waiting area, where people will watch a safety video and wait for their group's turn to throw. The space will also soon include a smash room for folks to let out some anger by smashing objects.

Bock said with the new

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Don Campbell / HP staff

Austin Bock shows off his axe throwing skills at his newly opened Lumberjax Urban Axe Throwing, at 2808 Niles Ave. in St. Joseph.

DRIVE-THRU CELEBRATION

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Dream Academy graduate Allison Aaliyah shows off her diploma during a drive-thru graduation parade held Friday at Benton Harbor Harbor High School.

Senior Kemonte Conley celebrates during a drive-thru graduation parade to honor seniors at Benton Harbor and Dream Academy.

Friends and family gather outside the rear parking lot at Benton Harbor High School during a drive-thru graduation parade held Friday.

School staff cheer as senior Lawrence Cohn arrives for his diploma.

Landlords and tenants ask: What's next?

By PAUL EGAN
Detroit Free Press

LANSING — With Michigan's stay-at-home order lifted, tenants and landlords are anxious to learn whether Gov. Gretchen Whitmer will also end a moratorium on residential evictions, which is set to expire next Thursday.

Whitmer's office – which ended the stay-at-home order Monday but left a state of emergency and many other restrictions in place – is not saying.

Most of the nation's roughly 44 million renter households have lost income during the pandemic, and more than half of U.S. states have put temporary tenant protections in place, with tenant protections generally stronger in the Northeast, Northwest, and Midwest, including in Michigan, than in the rest of the country, The Washington Post reported in April.

Based on interviews, relations between the tenants and landlords in Michigan's roughly 1 million renter-occupied housing units are all over the map, as both groups await her next move.

Some tenants are paying their rents as normal during the coronavirus pandemic. Others have worked out deals with their landlords to make partial payments. Some have fallen behind, and landlords say more than a few are treating the moratorium as a rent holiday, which it is not. On the other hand, some tenants have even been hit with rent hikes.

"I feel like it should go through the end of the year," Detroit resident Dana Stuckey said of Whitmer's halt to residential evictions for nonpayment of rent.

Stuckey, who lives in Lafayette Park and is working from home taking calls for a mental health hotline, just got hit with a $105 rent increase on top of a $100 hike last year. That brings her total rent to $1,025 a month, which is difficult for her to pay.

Whitmer's order should have included a rent hike moratorium, she said.

Though many Michiganders are saving on fuel costs by working from home, Stuckey, 36, who used public transit, said she is using more electricity and air conditioning and had to pay to upgrade her internet service.

But her landlord, who lives out of state, has refused to negotiate a rent freeze.

That's not the way Harbor Beach landlord John Fitzgibbon has been handling things.

He rents 17 units, mostly single-family homes, and said he has agreed to terms for partial payments from tenants whose income has been hurt by the pandemic.

"I've heard from four of five of my tenants that they are so happy that they're renting from me because I've been willing to work with them," Fitzgibbon said.

He said he also has one tenant who has refused to pay any rent, even though Fitzgibbon has good reason

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One charged in drug bust

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Police say a Benton Harbor man was charged after a four-month investigation ended in the seizure of crack cocaine and crystal methamphetamine.

Members of the Southwest Enforcement Team, Berrien County Sheriff's road patrol and Benton Harbor Public Safety said they seized about a quarter ounce of crack cocaine and over an ounce of meth in the arrest Tuesday of William Henry Harden, 46.

SWET said in a news release that an investigation led police to the business district in Benton Township where Harden was allegedly selling cocaine. He attempted to flee but was caught after a foot chase, police said. A search of a nearby hotel room where Harden had reportedly been staying netted narcotics and other evidence of drug trafficking, police said.

Harden was taken to the Berrien County jail on these charges: Six counts of delivery of crack cocaine, second offense; possession with intent to deliver crack cocaine, second offense; possession with intent to deliver crystal meth, second offense; and resisting and obstructing police.

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LAKESHORE SCHOOLS

Board to interview 4 candidates for open seat Monday

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — Lakeshore school board trustees will interview four candidates Monday for the open school board seat, which was vacated recently by Melissa Essig.

Superintendent Phil Freeman said Essig resigned because she is moving out of the area to take a new job.

"She's going to be really missed," he said. "She brought a lot to the board."

To be interviewed are Brian Van Horn, Jay Meeth, Matt Ford and Ana Howenstine.

The meeting will start at 5:15 p.m. with a Truth and Budget Hearing, followed by the regular meeting at 5:30 p.m.

The candidates are expected to be interviewed beginning at 6:15 p.m. Freeman said trustees expect to appoint someone to the open seat after the interviews.

Essig was appointed to the school board to fill a vacancy in August 2010 and has been on the board ever since.

The meeting will be held on Zoom due to health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Anyone who would like to attend the virtual meeting can call 312-626-6799. Sign-in information can also be found on the district's website.

During the regular meeting, Freeman said he will give an update on how much money is projected to be cut by the state per pupil to address revenue shortfalls related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Niles

Child abuse

Mariano Salazar-Juarez, 44, of North U.S. 31, Niles, 170 days in jail, credit for 170 days served, $285 in fines and costs and 18 months probation for fourth-degree child abuse, hitting a child with a belt, between Jan. 1, 2019 and Nov. 20, 2019, in Niles Township.

St. Joseph

Drugs

Kate A. Crandall, 27, of Hoover Street, Benton Harbor, 180 months to 20 years in prison, credit for 1 day served, and $198 in costs for delivery/manufacture of narcotics, less than 50 grams cocaine, April 7, 2019, in Benton Harbor.

340,000 Michigan unemployment accounts flagged for potential fraud

By MATT DURR
mlive.com

LANSING — Hundreds of thousands of people in Michigan have had their unemployment accounts flagged and payments interrupted as a massive fraud operation has hit the state's unemployment system. During a video call with reporters Friday, Jeff Donofrio, Director of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity revealed an estimated 340,000 Michiganders have had their accounts flagged as the state investigates possible fraud throughout its system.

"Unfortunately, many of these are legitimate claimants, whose economic lifeline is now tied up due to this criminal scheme. Our priority continues to be identifying and paying legitimate claimants the benefits they need and deserve," Donofrio said.

The state is unable to say right now how many of those accounts are actually fraudulent or how many people have stopped receiving payments. To determine that, the state assigned 600 employees to investigate flagged accounts full time and is training 200 more employees starting next week. The state is also working with third party firms to improve efficiency and to look over the work to ensure the right people get paid and the criminals are identified for law enforcement.

"I want to be clear, our number one priority is to weed out the criminals and pay legitimate Michigan claimants so vulnerable workers continue to get to get the benefits they deserve. We need to disentangle the real Michiganders who are tied up in this criminal scheme, prevent further identity theft and recover stolen benefits," Donofrio said, before adding the state will also prosecute those committing fraud.

Last week, the state confirmed the issue stemmed from scammers using stolen personal information. On Friday, Donofrio said that stolen data may have come well publicized breaches like the Equifax or eBay breaches, but reiterated that state does not believe any data has been stolen from the unemployment system.

By using stolen data, The Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Labor estimates at least $26 billion in unemployment benefits will be stolen by criminals during the pandemic. While it's unknown what impact has been made so far, Donofrio said the damage in Michigan could be significant.

"Our exposure to potential criminal criminal activity could be in the hundreds of millions of dollars," Donofrio said.

Those who've had their accounts flagged are contacted by the state and asked to submit more information to determine their credibility. However, Donofrio could not give a specific timeframe for how quickly the issues are resolved once a person submits that information. Meaning even if you're able to prove a legitimate claim, you may not see your benefits reinstated right away.

Although the accounts are flagged by a computer program for potential fraud, an actual person must then go in and assess the information provided by the claimant.

"The hope here is that using this technology using the data and these third party consultants we'll be able to identify cases that are lower risk, where there is zero or very very little fraud and be able to make greater judgment calls there," Donofrio said.

The state estimates there are 1.8 million active claims in Michigan that have been paid thus far since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

In the past, the UIA has come under scrutiny for using a computer system that falsely accused legitimate claimants of committing fraud. A state review of the unemployment system in 2017 showed 70 percent of people flagged for filing fraudulent claims between between Oct. 2013 and Aug. 2015 were incorrectly accused. In many cases, the state fined people or garnished wages after the system incorrectly identified them as having filed a fraudulent claim.

The UIA has made changes in recent years to address those issues but remains embroiled in a related lawsuit.

As part of Friday's announcement, Attorney General Dana Nessel announced the formation of a task force dedicated to investigating fraud in the unemployment system. It will be comprised of members from the The Michigan State Police, The U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General, The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, The Michigan Department of Management & Budget and The Michigan Department of Treasury.

"I'm proud to partner with the professionals from these other agencies to address this significant problem," Nessel said in a press release. "To steal money from this program intended to support households during a major global crisis is beyond reprehensible."

Whitmer: Salons open June 15; northern Mich. restarts sooner

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said Friday that barbershops and other personal-care businesses can reopen across Michigan on June 15, while those businesses and places like gyms and movie theaters that were shut down for months to curb the coronavirus can restart in northern Michigan next week.

The governor advanced the Upper Peninsula and Traverse City regions to the next phase under her restart plan, effective Wednesday under a new order. She is expected to move the rest of the state's more populated areas to that stage in coming weeks.

In 32 northern counties, indoor social gatherings and organized events of up to 50 people will be permissible, subject to distancing and other safety rules. Outdoor gatherings of up to 250 will be allowed. Outdoor performance and sporting venues will be able to have up to 25 percent capacity or 500 people, whichever is smaller – allowing for some graduation ceremonies, Whitmer said.

Indoor facilities such as bowling alleys, cinemas, convention centers and sports arenas – closed since March 16 – will open at 25 percent capacity or hold up to 250 people, whatever is smaller, as long as patrons stay 6 feet apart if they are not from the same household. Fitness centers must reduce class sizes as necessary and, "to the extent feasible," configure workout equipment 10 feet apart – or 6 feet if there are barriers.

Hair, tanning, tattoo and massage businesses will be allowed to reopen statewide on June 15 after being closed since March 22. Barbers and hairdressers were the focus of a conservative group's protest at the Capitol more than two weeks ago.

"Please do not drop your guard now," said Whitmer, a Democrat. "Because of the hard work and sacrifice that we've made we're now able to make this re-engagement happen."

Rachel Harned, a Holland salon owner who told state lawmakers this week that salons should be allowed to reopen, said she was "thrilled."

"Being closed this whole time, without knowing when we could open, was a nightmare," she said. "With this advanced notice, salons and barbershops across the state can put safety measures in place to protect our clients and hit the ground running on opening day."

Restaurants, which are open in northern Michigan at 50 percent capacity, can reopen across the state Monday under a previous announcement. Whitmer said customer capacity limits will remain in place for "a while."

The state, where about 5,600 have died from COVID-19 complications – sixth-highest in the U.S. – later Friday planned to begin posting "probable" cases and deaths, not just those confirmed with a lab test. Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, Michigan's chief medical executive, urged the elderly and those with underlying health conditions to continue staying home unless it is absolutely necessary to leave.

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to believe the tenant is still being paid.

Tenants are still required to pay their rent in full. Whitmer's order just means they can't be evicted for failing to pay – for now.

The pandemic has been hard on landlords, too, he said. "Let's just say I would have more of my debts paid down if everybody was making their payments."

Justin Smith, a Huntington Woods attorney who represents landlords, said he hopes Whitmer will end the eviction moratorium next week. But based on what has happened in other states, he does not expect that will happen.

For anyone who accepts federal housing vouchers or who has a federally insured mortgage, evictions will not be able to resume until late July, regardless of what Whitmer does, he said.

In March, the administration of President Donald Trump announced suspended evictions and foreclosures for U.S. Housing and Urban Development properties, and for homes with federally backed mortgages.

As for tenants, "I would say 10 percent to 15 percent are really taking advantage," Smith said.

He wishes the courts would be allowed to do their jobs and determine which tenants are truly disadvantaged by the pandemic and deserve a break, and which do not.

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Lumberjax Urban Axe Throwing features multiple bays for axe throwing at its new St. Joseph location.

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space came new insurance, which allows people to bring their own beer and wine with them.

He said people are also encouraged to bring in food from one of the many restaurants that are right next door.

"Everyone's complaint is there's nothing fun to do here, so it's just something else people can do," Bock said.

Bock said his hope is that the old space in downtown St. Joseph can still be used some during the day for walk-ins, as well as a space for private parties and league participants to practice.

Sign-ups for the summer axe throwing league are going on now, and throwing will start this Thursday.

During the state stay-at-home order, Bock ran a LLAMAS League (Lumberjax Lockdown Axe Masters Association) for people to still participate in axe throwing while they were stuck in their homes.

"We had about 18 people and some already had their own boards in their backyards. For others, we sold boards to them. It kept the sport going," Bock said. "We made a schedule and people video chatted each other to play. That was difficult, but it was good to stay connected."

Owner Austin Bock works Thursday on a sign at the front of his newly opened Lumberjax Urban Axe Throwing.

He also did a T-shirt fundraiser sale and sold bond gift certificates for people to turn in when the business opened back up.

While the pandemic quiets down, Bock said Lumberjax is trying not to do groups of more than 10, but that they have enough room now to spread people out.

All the axes are sanitized after being used and all hard surfaces are wiped down. Face coverings are required, for now.

Bock said he's so happy the new location is finally done and open.

"Having my first group in last week, was wow. Once I spray-painted all our logos on everything, it was like, wow this is our space," he said. "I'm not just going to leave here after I'm done building. When you work construction, you end up giving the place to the other people or send whatever you made off to someone else. No, this is ours and we're staying here. This is home."

For more information, to book a time to throw or to sign up to participate in the summer league, visit www.thelumberjax.com.

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A substantially altered workplace situation amid the coronavirus pandemic begs the question – how much of this change is permanent?

Will working from home become permanent?

Answers from the experts

By PHILLIP MOLNAR
The San Diego Union-Tribune

Mark Zuckerberg is moving Facebook toward a substantially remote workforce over the next decade, making changes permanent that began in the past few months.

Within 10 years, Zuckerberg said he expects as much as half of Facebook's employees – who currently number more than 45,000 – to work from home.

There are also many other examples of working from home becoming the norm: Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey recently told employees they could work from home permanently. Other smaller tech companies have announced similar proposals.

Q: Will other major corporate players eventually shift away from offices?

Gary London, London Moeder Advisors

NO: At least not over the long term. Until a vaccine is applied, certainly liberal work-at-home options will be all the rage. Post vaccine, I expect that much of the work force will return to their office, albeit in different ways. I think we will see a great prevalence of flex hours, shared or "hoteling" space and other innovations in our work space and time. This will translate into somewhat lower levels of demand for office space. But I do not expect that most companies will abandon the office, where ideas and networks are hatched and enhanced, for the isolation of the home, Zoom or no Zoom.

Phil Blair, Manpower

YES: It has been quite an eye opener to most employers how quickly and successfully their entire staffs have transitioned to working remotely. And now that the technology is in place, it is very easy to reinvent what their workforce should look like. But there is a broad range of working remote options. From jobs where eye contact with the client is essential to workers, to staff being based anywhere in the world, and everything in-between. What combination is right for what businesses will be finessed over the next several years.

Alan Gin, University of San Diego

YES: Many companies are finding out that they can be successful even with their employees working at home. Allowing employees to work from home reduces the need for costly office space and will be beneficial to workers who want the flexibility that working from home allows. There are negative ramifications for the economy in terms of businesses that cater to people who work in offices, such as restaurants and clothing stores. There is also some worry about the impact of social isolation.

Reginald Jones, Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation

YES: The shift to employees working away from offices ushered by COVID-19 has accelerated an already emerging trend. Measuring outcomes, companies are likely to cite operating savings, reduced employee commuting (helping the environment, too), and more time on tasks that yield increased productivity. Companies probably will not have a 100 percent away-from-office policy, but some periodic teaming in the workplace. Employers must be conscious to maintain innovative thinking with increased use of virtual platforms.

Lynn Reaser, Point Loma Nazarene University

YES: The pandemic has demonstrated that remote and decentralized workforces can operate effectively, although more for some than others. Employees may be able to stay in parts of the country closer to family members with lower housing prices, while firms can save on the high wage costs of large cities. Firms may allow employees to work some days in the office and other days from home. Giving workers more options should raise job satisfaction and their productivity.

Austin Neudecker, Weave Growth

YES: Remote work has long been a trend and the pandemic only accelerated its adoption. I have worked remotely (including with co-founders) for the past eight years. There is a limit, as only certain types of work can be done remotely, and even then, important aspects of team rapport, happenstance, cross-team conversations, etc., can be lost. It will be interesting to see the impacts as more companies get comfortable with the distance. Reliance on tech to communicate and monitor seems obvious, but how will this impact urbanization?

Bob Rauch, R.A. Rauch & Associates

YES: Working from home is popular with today's employees as it provides for a better work/life balance. Technology companies will default to this remote option more than others but office interactions are critical to productivity. Naturally, this will be a blow to office space if it happens too quickly but this virus has jump-started lots of changes. Many of the changes will occur due to financial considerations as we enter a fairly deep recession.

Norm Miller, University of San Diego

YES AND NO: Some firms can easily transition to working at home like call centers for airlines or computer support, or when most workers are in sales, out and about. Many back-office functions such as book keeping and admin support can be done remotely. But, where innovation, collaboration, teamwork, mentoring, and escaping from kids at home matter, not to mention the serendipitous meeting, then these functions will be better served in the in-person office, at least for now.

James Hamilton, University of California San Diego

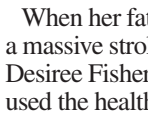
YES: There are big set-up costs in figuring out how to do things online. But once you've worked out the details, it's an option that can be used even when we return to normal. There will be pressure to hold down expenses for some time, and cutting back on business travel is one way to do that. For the time being, I'm not sure we have any alternative but to try to minimize face-to-face interaction.

David Ely, San Diego State University

Take control now with advance medical directives

If you get COVID-19 and struggle to breathe, would you want to be put on a ventilator? Whatever your answer, ask yourself another question: Who would make your wishes clear if you couldn't speak for yourself?

Liz Weston



Advance directives – an umbrella term that includes living wills and health care proxies or powers of attorney – are legal documents that all of us need but that many of us don't have. A living will allows you to tell your loved ones and medical providers what kinds of medical care you want at the end of your life. Health care proxies or powers of attorney allow you to designate someone to make medical decisions for you if you can't communicate.

You need both, since not all medical situations will trigger a living will, says Carolyn McClanahan, a physician and certified financial planner in Jacksonville, Florida.

"A living will only really kicks in if you have an end stage process, a persistent vegetative state or a terminal illness," McClanahan says. "Oftentimes people run into a situation where they have a health event, but it's not something that's going to kill them."

When her father suffered a massive stroke at age 78, Desiree Fisher of New York used the health care power of attorney he'd created two years earlier to push for interventions and therapy to help him recover. Seven years later, he's doing well, she says.

"If I didn't have those documents, it would have been harder for me to advocate for him," says Fisher, a former real estate finance underwriter studying to be a certified financial planner.

Make it easier on yourself

Attorneys typically draw up advance directives when they're creating someone's estate plan, but you don't need to go to an attorney to get this done, McClanahan says.

Many sites, including AARP and Everplans, offer links to free forms for each state. Five Wishes offers an interactive version for $5. McClanahan likes the free advance directive forms at Prepare for Your Care, a site founded by Rebecca Sudore, a geriatrician and professor at University of California, San Francisco. The Prepare for Your Care site focuses on the quality of life you want – what you value about your life and what would make you want to go on living, or not.

"The problem that too many advanced directives get into is they're asking people about medical procedures that they don't quite understand," McClanahan says.

People also worry that their choices are set in stone, which isn't true, says CFP Linda Rogers of San Diego.

"If you want to change something tomorrow, you can change it. But put something down on paper, otherwise the courts or the hospital could decide for you," Rogers says.

Pick your advocate as a backup

When choosing the person who will make decisions for you, consider who would be most capable of advocating for what you want, rather than what they, other family members or a medical provider might want.

"Sometimes the spouse, or an adult child, is not the right person. Because they love you so much, they may not follow your wishes," McClanahan says.

Choose at least one backup person in case your first choice can't serve and make sure these advocates understand your wishes, says Susan M. Mitcheltree, a CFP in Timonium, Maryland. Give copies of the documents to them and talk about what you want.

"You will never cover every situation," she says. "However, the more information you can give your health care agent, the better they will be able to best honor your wishes."

Share your plans

Follow your state's rules, included with the forms, about how to make these documents valid, such as having witnesses sign or getting the paperwork notarized. Once you've done that, store the originals in a secure place at home, along with your will, and tell your family where to find them. Your doctor and attorney should have copies as well.

Ask your doctor to include the forms in your electronic health record, so other medical providers can access it in an emergency. Also carry a card in your wallet that has your health care agent's name and contact information, along with where you keep the originals and copies.

If your choices could cause discord in your family, consider including a note explaining your thinking, Micheltree says.

"Even if they disagree with your decisions, it is more comforting to hear it directly from you as opposed to the person you have appointed on your behalf," she says.

Metrics to watch for your business website

With so many other things to pay attention to in your business, tracking your website's performance can be a daunting task.

Web analytics platforms put an abundance of data at your fingertips. If you haven't the funds to hire someone to keep tabs on it for you, however, you may feel overwhelmed and under-inspired to dig into it.

So how can you avoid spending a lot of time and still get a decent grasp on the effectiveness of your website?

Keep it simple by focusing on a few key metrics. Several that can provide beneficial insight include:

Unique visitors: This represents the number of people that visited your site during a specific time period (last week, last month, last year, or some other time frame). It can give you a sense of whether or not your marketing efforts (both online and offline) are attracting people to your website.

Repeat visitors: If the number of visitors returning to your site is growing, it is a good sign people are finding something of value there.

Referral traffic: These are the websites and individual pages that are sending visitors to your website. As users click on external links (on other blogs, websites, social media sites, online directories, etc.) that go to your site, they are tracked so you know how many visitors come from those external sources. This is powerful knowledge than can help you identify what marketing and outreach tactics are most effective at drawing traffic to your site.

Exit pages: This metric identifies the specific pages from which visitors (who viewed multiple pages during their visits) leave your website. By seeing which pages have the higher number of exits, you can determine if that's acceptable.

For example, you'd expect customers to leave your site after completing orders and viewing your order confirmation page. But if other pages have a high incidence of exits, it may be because they're not providing adequate information or because they're difficult to navigate.

Bounce rate: When visitors "bounce," they visit one page of your site and then leave without viewing any other pages. What's an acceptable bounce rate can vary depending on the type of business you have and what you're trying to accomplish with your website.

Bounce rate could mean people found the information they needed right away, or people might have bookmarked your site to come back to it later, or it could mean they didn't find what they were looking for and didn't have an interest in going deeper into your site.

Different sources have different ideas of what a "bad" bounce rate is. But as a general guideline, you might consider it worth investigating further if yours is over 55 percent.

Conversion rate: If you've established goals to track in your analytics (such as signing up for an e-newsletter, making a purchase, downloading a white paper, etc.), this metric can help you assess how well your copywriting and site layout are compelling visitors to take action.

There are additional metrics, as well, to give you more insight. But if you're short on time and/or in-house resources and you don't have a budget for outsourcing assistance, these basics will provide you with valuable information that can help you in your marketing efforts.

You can also reach out to your local chapter of SCORE for marketing guidance. Mentoring from the small business experts at SCORE is free, and it can help you during all phases of starting and growing your business.

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Orioles' appearance can cause confusion

Jonathan Wuepper
Southwest Michigan Wildlife

Young male orchard orioles in their first year of life appear strikingly different than adult males which have reached one year of age and have molted into adult plumage. Because the young male orchard oriole appears so drastically different than the adult male, it causes confusion for many bird watchers.

The juvenile male appears olive green on its back and a yellow-green on the underside along with a distinct black bib. Males molt into their adult plumage of dark chestnut body with black hood and wings by August of their second calendar year of life.

The female orchard oriole sports a yellow-greenish plumage from its hatch year through adulthood.

Orchard orioles are less common in Southwest Michigan than the Baltimore oriole, partly due to the fact that southern Michigan is the northern limit of the species breeding range.

Orchard orioles preferred nesting habitat includes old fields converting back to forest, farmyards, roadsides, tree nurseries and of course orchards. The species generally avoids dense forests, both coniferous and deciduous.

Brad Anderson found an eastern hog-nosed snake at Warren Dunes State Park on May 21. This relatively common snake is found in sandy, well drained soils in our region.

Because the species has an upturned nose it is called "hog-nosed". When frightened, the snake will spread its neck, reminiscent of a cobra. But the hog-nosed snake is non-venomous.

Scott Nolte of Royalton Township photographed a black rat snake along the wooded ravines of the St. Joseph River in Royalton Township.

The black rat snake is the largest snake that inhabits Michigan. Adult black rat snakes may grow to 6 feet or more in length.

The species is a constrictor, meaning it squeezes its prey to death, and is non-venomous. It is a good climber, and it will prey on young squirrels located in nests high above the ground.

Peter Plikaitis of Shoreham rescued a baby painted turtle last month that was attempting to cross a parking lot in St. Joseph Township.

As you can see from the photo the young turtle is only about the size of a quarter dollar. It likely hatched last year inside of an underground nest, and just emerged this spring. Painted turtles grow rapidly and this turtle will double its size by the end of this year.

Jonathan Wuepper is an area naturalist. Report your sightings to him at wuepperj@gmail.com.

Photo provided / Sally Germinder
This is a juvenile orchard oriole that hatched in 2019 in Hartford. The bird will molt into its adult plumage by August of this year.

Photo provided / Arthur Herman
An adult male orchard oriole is seen May 16 in Hagar Township.

Photo provided / Peter Plikaitis
A small painted turtle is seen last month in a St. Joseph Township parking lot. The species grows rapidly, as this one will double in size by the end of the year.

Photo provided / Scott Nolte
A black rat snake is seen May 18 in Royalton Township.

Photo provided / Brad Anderson
An eastern hog-nosed snake is seen May 21 at Warren Dunes State Park. This non-venomous snake is relatively common in well drained sandy soils throughout the Lower Peninsula.

NICE CATCH

Bernd Lucius of St. Joseph caught a sturgeon on the South Pier at St. Joseph on Monday. He used an alewife as bait on an 8-pound test line. He said it took close to an hour to land the fish, which he released back to the river.
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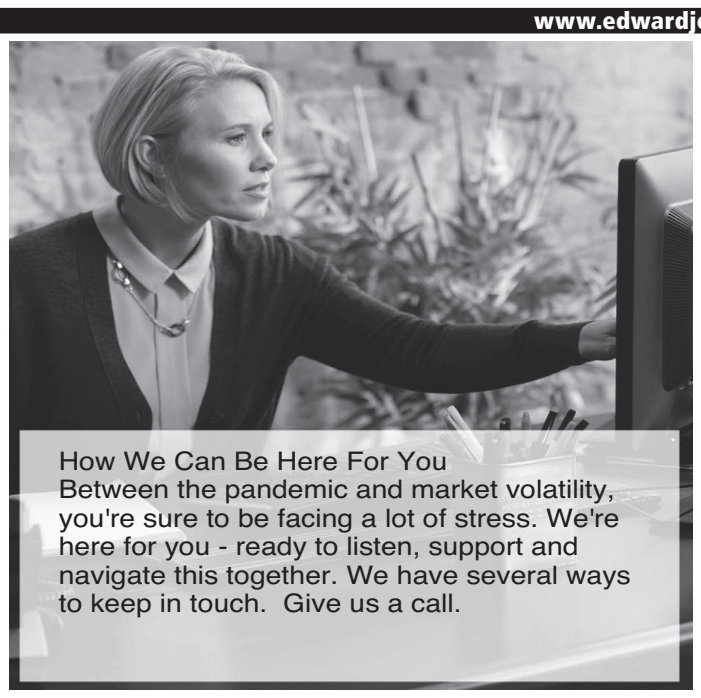
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EMPLOYEE PRICING DISCOUNT	- 5,377
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SIEMANS DEMO DISCOUNT	- 1,628
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FORD F-SERIES RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 1,000
FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CASH	- 750
FORD BUILT FOR THE ROAD FORWARD BONUS CASH*	- 500
FORD COMMERCIAL CONNECTION UPFIT BONUS CASH*	- 1,000

SALE PRICE* $47,495

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FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 2,750
FORD COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 500
FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CLUSTOMER CASH	- 500

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SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 3,940
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FORD BONUS CASH	- 1,500
FORD SELECT INVENTORY RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 750
FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 750

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MSRP	$36,990
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 1,487
FORD CREDIT RETAIL BONUS CASH*	- 1,000
FORD BONUS CASH	- 1,500
FORD F-SERIES RETAIL CASH	- 1,000

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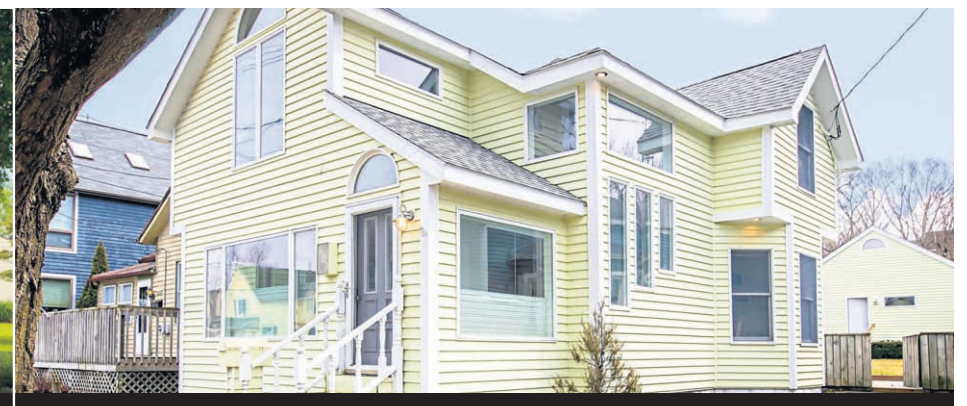

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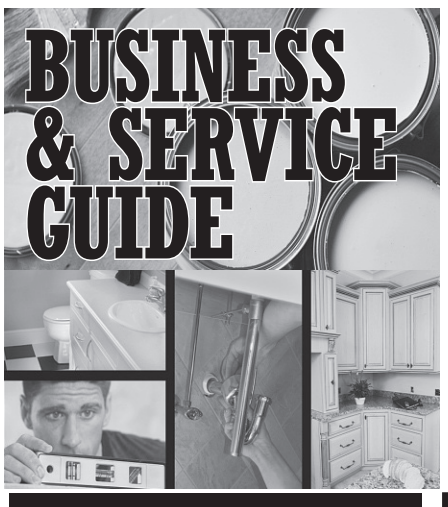

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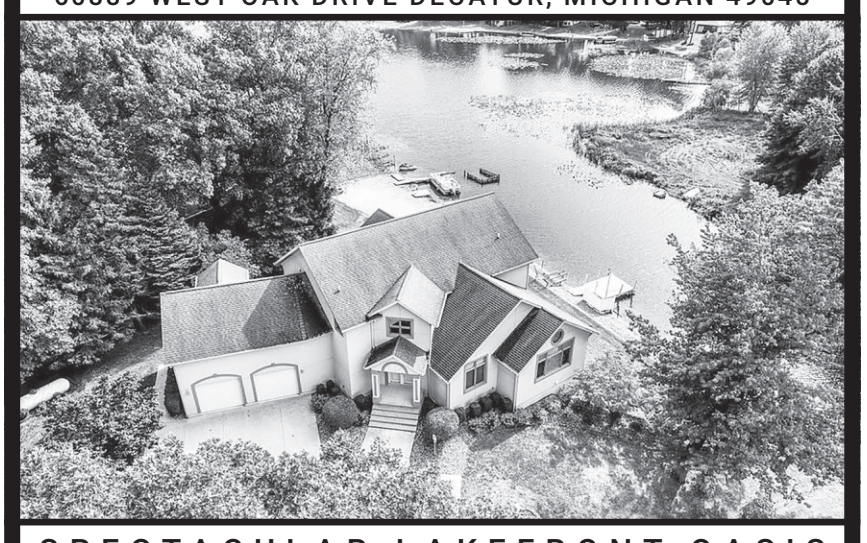

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LEGALS

CITY OF BENTON HARBOR ORDINANCE NOTICE

I, Kimberly Thompson, City Clerk of the City of Benton Harbor, Michigan, certify that on June 1, 2020, the Benton Harbor City Commission approved an ordinance granting a revocable franchise to Indiana Michigan Power Company for the right to acquire, construct, maintain and operate in the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, bridges and public places of the City. A full copy of the ordinance is available for review in the City Clerk's Office at 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and/or on the City of Benton Harbor's website www.bhcity.us. You may also obtain a copy of the ordinance by contacting City Clerk Thompson @ kthompson@cityof-bentonharbormi.gov.

Kimberly Thompson
June 4, 2020

LEGALS

PLANNING COMMISSION THREE OAKS TOWNSHIP BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN ELECTRONIC PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING NOTICE

The Three Oaks Township Planning Commission will conduct a remote public hearing and regular meeting. The following link may be used to join the meeting https://US02web.zoom.us/j/85094341294. To access by telephone dial 1-(312)626-6799. Zoom meeting ID: 85094341294, on Tuesday June 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., to consider amendments to Article VI Section 4.03, Article XV to add new Section 15.33 and Table 3.07 to revise standards related to restaurants in conjunction with an existing recreational facility of the Three Oaks Township Zoning Ordinance.
This notice is given and this meeting will be conducted pursuant to Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended, being the Open Meetings Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.
The Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to those with disabilities planning to attend upon seven (7) days' notice to the Township Clerk. If you require such aids or services and plan to attend this meeting, please call the Township. Please call the Township if you wish to view this application. Comments can be mailed to the provided address prior to the meeting.

Elizabeth Zabel, Clerk
Three Oaks Township
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(269)756-9801

Request for Qualifications
Benton Charter Township is seeking qualifications from professional engineering firms in anticipation of upcoming wastewater infrastructure improvement projects. The Township will utilize a Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) process to select a firm to provide engineering services for the projects. The projects, the engineering services, and the selection process are described below.
Anticipated Projects
The projects are anticipated to include sanitary sewer system reconfiguration, sewer construction/reconstruction, lift station and force main construction, and lift station upgrades. The projects will seek funding through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). Further description of the anticipated projects can be found in the Benton Charter Township SRF Project Plan.
Required Services
The engineering services required may include design engineering, surveying, site evaluation, preparation of construction documents, assistance with easement acquisition, bidding assistance, permit assistance, project administration, agency coordination, construction observation, staking, testing, record documentation, SRF program assistance and other related activities.
Submission
Interested firms should submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) demonstrating the firm's qualifications to provide the anticipated services. The SOQ should include firm overview, relevant project experience, client references, and key team member resumes. Professional fees will not be considered when evaluating qualifications and should not be included with the submission.
SOQs shall be submitted by email to cyates@bentonchartertownship-mi.gov or mailed to Benton Charter Township, 1725 Territorial Rd., Benton Harbor, MI 49022, Attention: Supervisor Cathy Yates no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 1, 2020.
Evaluation and Award
The Township will evaluate the responses according to the following criteria:
-Understanding of the Benton Township sewer system
-Experience with similar projects and the SRF program
-Specialized expertise in wastewater systems
-Breadth of related services
-No conflicts of interest
The Township will conduct discussions with three or more firms and rank the firms to establish a short list of highest qualified firms. The selected firm will be invited into contract negotiations with the Township for the required services.

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

A change that eases stress and encourages an affordable lifestyle will be within reach if you stop waffling and start putting your plans in motion. Don't waste time on people and projects that aren't right for you. Size up what's best for you and leave the past behind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Question motives, whether they are yours or someone else's. It's essential that what you do or agree to be admirable. Equality and sharing the same goal will be required.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Share your feelings, and someone will offer interesting feedback that will help you make decisions and changes that will improve your life. Don't fear what's unfamiliar to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Refuse to let the uncertainty that others have stop you from following the path that feels right and best for you. Strive for greater security in your personal life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Take a step back, stop worrying about what you cannot change and start channeling your energy into something that makes you happy. Positive change begins with you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Added discipline will help you finish what you start. A fitness program will boost your morale as well as your health. Romance is in the stars and will enhance your personal life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Touch base with friends and relatives and catch up on all the latest news. Showing an interest in what others are doing will also spark your imagination and inspire trying something new.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Physical activity will relieve stress. A change to the way you handle your money will help you stick to a budget you can afford. Don't take a physical risk. Be intelligent and mindful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Putter around the house and you'll find plenty to do. Home improvements will make you feel proud of your accomplishments, and how much you saved doing the work yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Personal gain is attainable as long as you don't let anyone interfere. A different hairstyle or changing your image will give you a trendy new look. Romance is favored.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A quest to study something new will encourage a personal change that puts your life in perspective. A healthy, thoughtful pursuit will lead to positive life choices.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Slow down and take a moment to figure out what's going on around you. Being aware and sensitive to what others are doing will help you ward off trouble. Avoid excess and overreacting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Think matters through and take action. Getting what you want will be dependent on you and how you handle situations and the people involved. Don't let bickering slow you down.

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Don't take on someone or something emotionally challenging. Time spent mastering new skills will pay off. With the right mindset, you will stay on track and reach your goals. Distance yourself from people who are emotionally manipulative or ask for too much. Keep a steady pace.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Keep your thoughts and opinions to yourself. Avoid getting into an argument you cannot win. Keep your money, possessions and passwords somewhere safe. Make personal improvements a priority.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Fond memories will encourage you to reach out to someone you haven't seen for some time. Catching up will be a reminder of something you used to enjoy doing. Resurrect an old project.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) How you help others will be commendable, but don't risk your health or your financial security to do so. When uncertainty kicks in, it's a signal to take a step back.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Refuse to let your emotions take over. A practical approach to whatever you decide to do will bring about positive changes that will ease, not magnify, stress.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Spend more time fixing up your residence. Moving things around to support a project or fitness routine you want to implement will motivate you. Romance is in the stars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't stop now. Strategize how best to move forward and keep the momentum flowing. A change to the way you live, think or do things will inspire you to try something new.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't think twice; if something doesn't feel right, follow your instincts and take a different route. Be smart when it comes to your health and emotional well-being.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Share your thoughts and feelings, and you'll be able to clear up a misunderstanding. The change that transpires will encourage better relationships with those closest to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Let your creative imagination take over and you'll come up with an idea or plan that will improve your living situation. A romantic gesture will bring you closer to someone you love.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't let an emotional situation get you down. Consider where the complaint or criticism is coming from and make an intelligent adjustment that will help you get things back on track.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Take care of matters of importance yourself. If you leave someone else in charge of your responsibilities, you'll be disappointed. Abide by the rules, or a penalty will be enforced.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone from your past will cause trouble. Don't trust anyone with your money, possessions or personal information. Take better care of your health and well-being. Preparation will be the prerequisite to success.

CROSSWORD

Crossword Answers C5

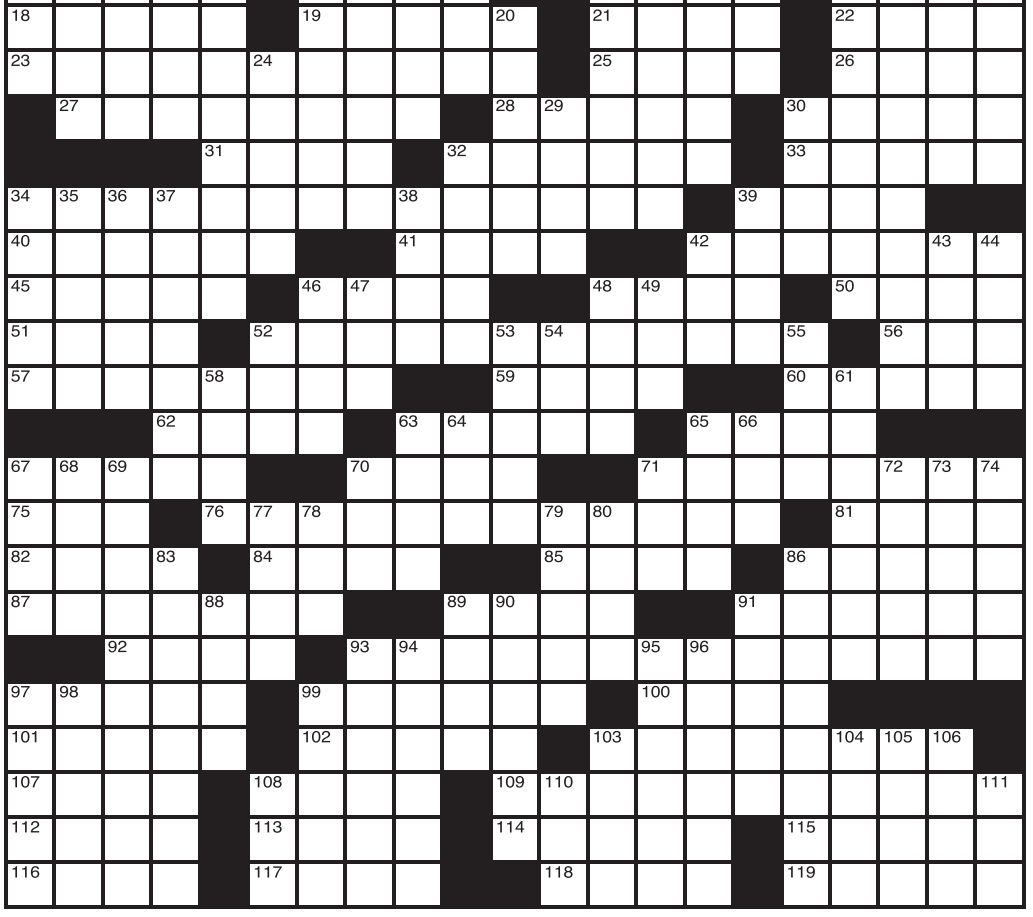
Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"CASE IN POINT"
By MARK McCLAIN

ACROSS
1 Jouster's wear
6 Language of 100,000+ Canadians
10 "Waterloo" group
14 Jr. challenge
18 Early "Masterpiece Theatre" host Alistair
19 Got the news
21 Champagne word
22 Toy owner in "Toy Story" films
23 Bailiff who keeps the jury in stitches?
25 Hotel unit
26 Egg-white omelet's lack
27 Close friends, say
28 Dramatic technique
30 "The Sandbox" playwright
31 Frigg's spouse
32 Parade features
33 Bull alligator sounds
34 Music played between attorneys' arguments?
39 Faithful spring?
40 Pal played her in early films
41 Invitation encl.
42 First of an alley's 10
45 Tribute creator
46 Palm species
48 Home of the Big 12's Cyclones
50 Actress Ward
51 "The Great" detective of kid-lit
52 Polite argument on behalf of the accused?
56 Ins. giant
57 Bar group
59 Toyota logo shape
60 Chaucer works
62 Prompts on stage
63 Steam up
65 Vanishing act word
67 Send (to)
70 Do the crawl, e.g.
71 Cause of ruination
75 Action film shooter
76 Cartoon dialogue introduced as evidence?
81 Garfield's foil
82 Place for a nest
84 Vishnu's quartet
85 Solemn promise
86 Get a hard copy
87 Persian hunting dogs
89 Sing the praises of
91 Turn into cash
92 Scott in an 1857 case
93 Satisfaction for a prosecuting attorney?
97 Mustard town
99 __ Fables
100 Plate crossings
101 Blow a gasket
102 Justice Kagan
103 Aggressive stingers
107 __ one's time: wait
108 Tennis great Steffi
109 Action brought by a cowardly plaintiff?
112 Links org.
113 In __: unmoved
114 Spot cost
115 "Neon" fish
116 After that
117 Scientist __ deGrasse Tyson
118 Alan in old films
119 "My bad, Francesca"

DOWN
1 Clemson's NCAA div.
2 Large cross
3 Pouty face
4 Often-fried veggie
5 Upgrade technologically
6 __ blanc: Loire Valley wine
7 Take exception to
8 Digs in
9 Prior to, in verse
10 Out of the country
11 Literary Yorkshire family name
12 Channel markers
13 Drive-thru device
14 Truckers' cargoes
15 High-hat challenge of a conviction?
16 Freud disciple
17 Little shavers
20 Goes for oil
24 Foster with Oscars
29 Bounder
30 Tiler's calculation
32 Sickly
34 Flaxen, as hair
35 Speed gauge
36 Question in Matthew
37 Heart and soul
38 Morales of TV's "Titans"
39 Not as much
42 Female lobster
43 "Would __ to you?"
44 Pesters
46 Refreshes, with "out"
47 Walgreens rival
48 Way over yonder
49 Filmmaker Gibson
52 So-so mark
53 Firm belief
54 Genesis matriarch
55 Town across the Thames from Windsor
58 Composer Weill
61 Makes available to
63 Hole-making tools
64 Pen part
65 Milne creation
66 Control
67 Wagon road features
68 Biblical scribe
69 Magistrate who specializes in agricultural litigation?
70 "Cheers" bartender
71 URL element
72 "Ta-ta, Thierry!"
73 Big ship
74 "I can do that"
77 Carefully timed operation
78 E-file org.
79 Awkward sorts
80 Title for Gaga
83 Pole, for one
86 Farm workers of old
88 Canterbury's county
89 Companion of Dorothy
90 Camel cousin
91 O'Connor who played Gabrielle on "Xena"
93 Italian treats
94 Handy
95 Selling for, with "at"
96 Waited in hiding
97 First appearance
98 "Fighting" Indiana team
99 Lofty home
103 World Cup org.
104 Tiny bit of a min.
105 Ballet attire
106 Titles of respect
108 "Family Feud" reruns channel
110 "Good" cholesterol initials
111 Mai __



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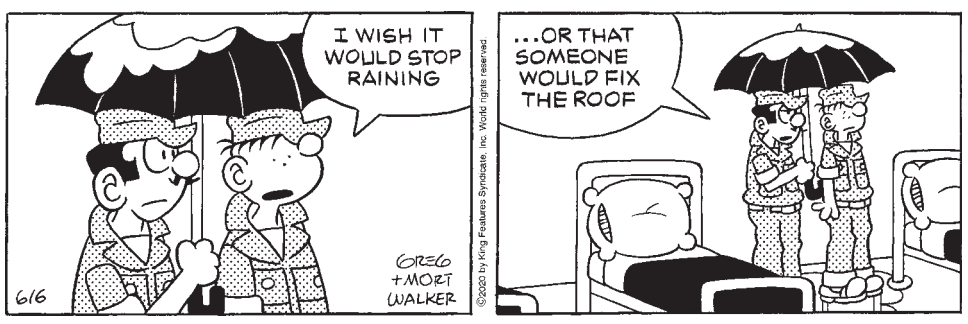
I WISH IT WOULD STOP RAINING
...OR THAT SOMEONE WOULD FIX THE ROOF
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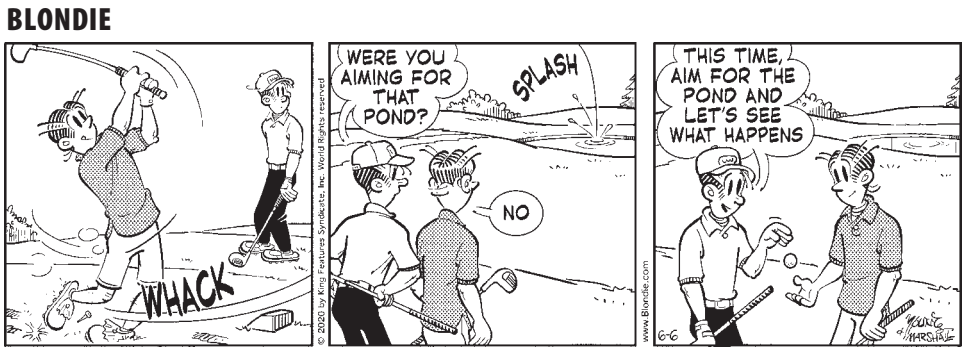
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SPLASH
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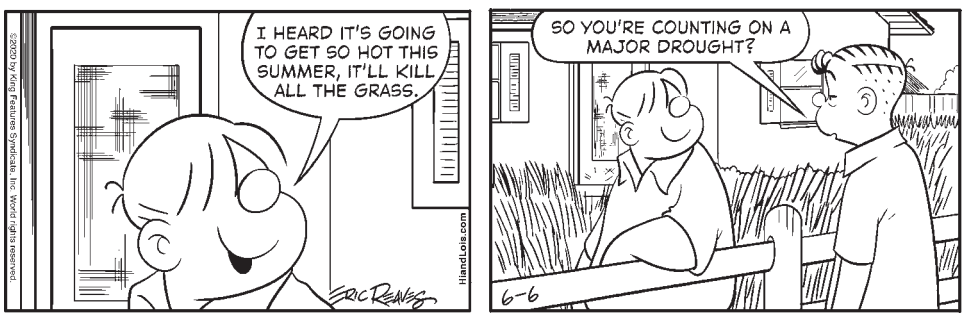
I HEARD IT'S GOING TO GET SO HOT THIS SUMMER, IT'LL KILL ALL THE GRASS.
SO YOU'RE COUNTING ON A MAJOR DROUGHT?
ERIC REYNOLDS
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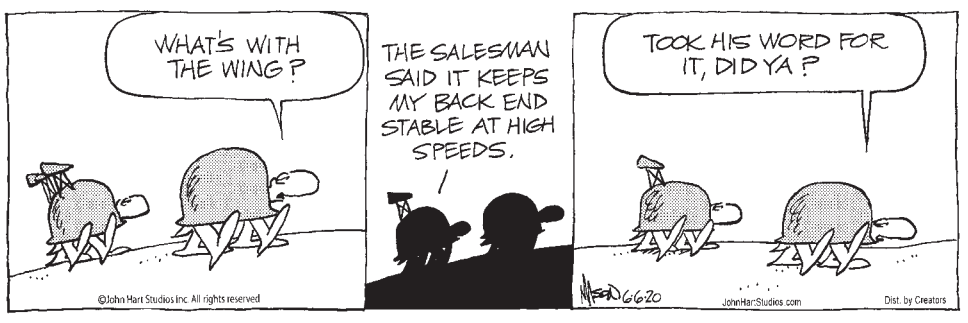
WHAT'S WITH THE WING?
THE SALESMAN SAID IT KEEPS MY BACK END STABLE AT HIGH SPEEDS.
TOOK HIS WORD FOR IT, DID YA?
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I HIRED A GUY WHO IS ALWAYS WRONG, YET HE IS INEXPLICABLY CONFIDENT.
WHY? WE ALREADY HAVE ONE OF YOU.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEANT BY THAT, BUT I AM CONFIDENT IT IS WRONG.
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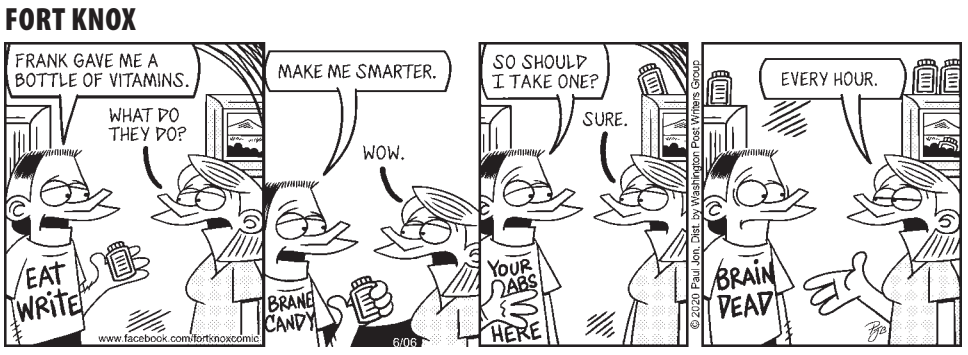

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YOU SPEND YOUR WHOLE LIFE JUST WAITING FOR THINGS, DON'T YOU, ROSCOE?
WAITING TO BE FED, WAITING TO GO FOR A WALK, WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO SCRATCH BEHIND YOUR EARS...
POOR DOG! IT'S REALLY KIND OF A PATHETIC EXISTENCE, ISN'T IT, BOY?
OPAL, HOW'S DINNER COMING?
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FAMILY CIRCUS

THE FAMILY CIRCUS
By Bil Keane
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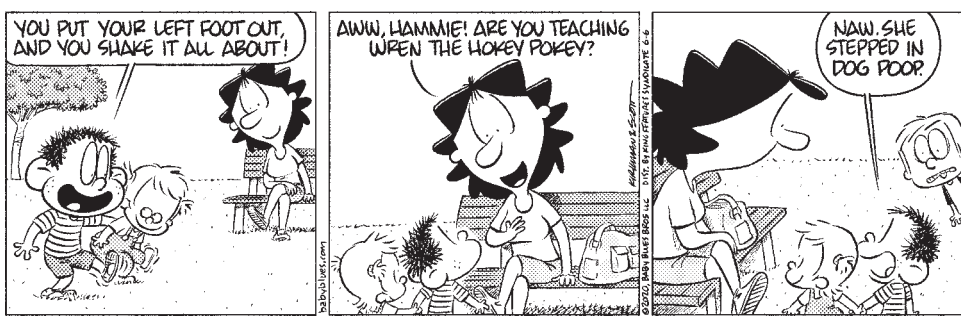
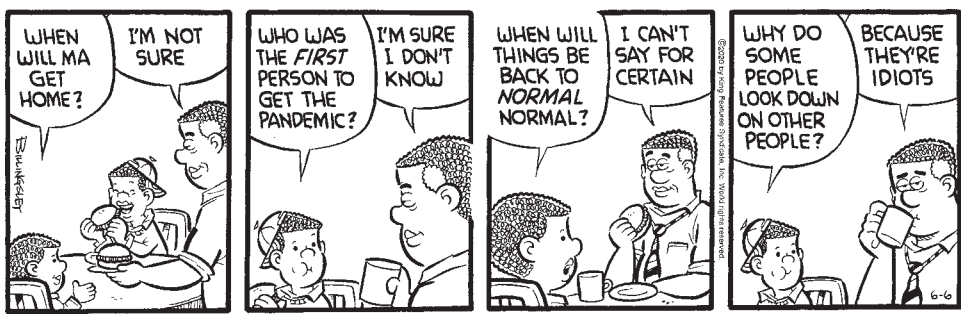
BIL and JEFF KEANE
"I know it's Saturday 'cause you're wearing those little stems all over your face."

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES


YOU PUT YOUR LEFT FOOT OUT, AND YOU SHAKE IT ALL ABOUT!
AWW, HAMMIE! ARE YOU TEACHING WREN THE HOKEY POKEY?
NAW. SHE STEPPED IN DOG POOP.
babyblues.com

CURTIS


WHEN WILL MA GET HOME?
I'M NOT SURE
WHO WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO GET THE PANDEMIC?
I'M SURE I DON'T KNOW
WHEN WILL THINGS BE BACK TO NORMAL NORMAL?
I CAN'T SAY FOR CERTAIN
WHY DO SOME PEOPLE LOOK DOWN ON OTHER PEOPLE?
BECAUSE THEY'RE IDIOTS
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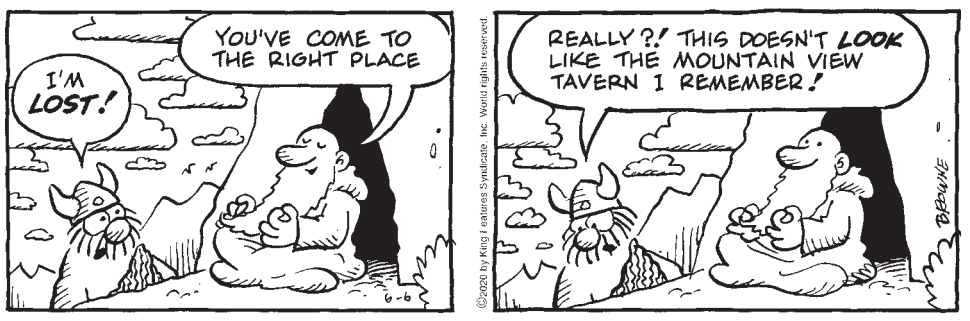
ZITS

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



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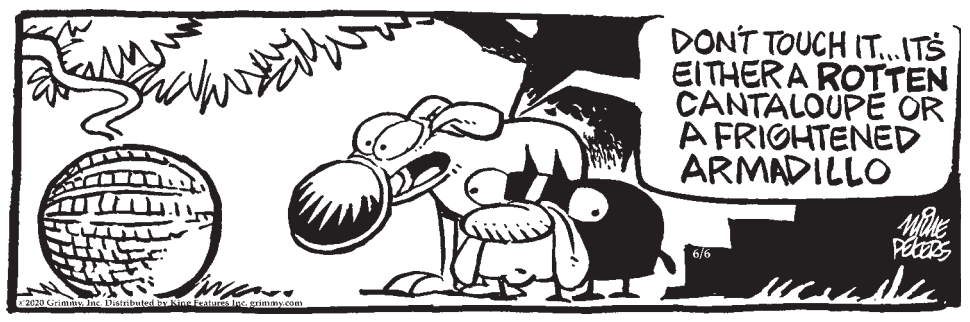
DON'T TOUCH IT...IT'S EITHER A ROTTEN CANTALOUPE OR A FRIGHTENED ARMADILLO
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MUTTS

SALLY FORTH

MOM, HOW MUCH LONGER DO YOU THINK ALL OF THIS IS GOING TO LAST?
I WISH I COULD TELL YOU, SWEETIE. BUT THE TRUTH IS NO ONE REALLY KNOWS YET.
WEEKS? MONTHS?
DO...DO YOU THINK EVEN...
TEN YEARS LATER...
OKAY, FOR THE RECORD, THIS TIME YOU'RE THE ONE PROJECTING A DECADE AHEAD.
I BLAME MY WATCHING "MAD MAX: FURY ROAD" SO MANY TIMES. BUT IT'S SUCH A GOOD MOVIE!
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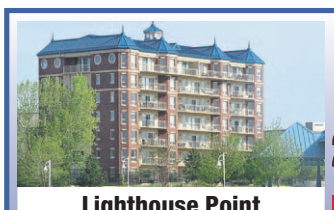

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WAS $35,750 NOW $29,332

2012 CHEVY TRAVERSE LT

3.6 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 156K Miles, Remote Start, Power Heated Quad Seating, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black U20026A

WAS $8,650 NOW $7,847

2014 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE SUMMIT 4X4

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NOW $35,170

2016 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Painted Aluminum Wheels, 71K Miles, Remote Start, Power Front Seats, CD-Player, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Kona Blue F19415A

NOW $18,999

2017 FORD F-150 LARIAT SUPERCREW 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 45K Miles, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bar, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seating, Memory Power Adjust Pedals, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Blind Spot Monitoring with Trailer Tow Monitoring, Trailer Back-Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ingot Silver C20089A

WAS $37,243 NOW $34,657

2018 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Painted Aluminum Wheels, 37K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Auto Climate Control, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black F20069A

NOW $25,310

2018 DODGE CHARGER GT AWD

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 30K Miles, Remote Start, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear View Camera, Touchscreen Display, Remote Keyless Entry System, Dodge Certified! Granite U20050

NOW $25,442

2016 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Steel Wheels, 32K Miles, 7 Passenger Seating, Stow 'n Go Seating, American Value Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Black Onyx U20066

NOW $16,500

2015 RAM 1500 SLT OUTDOORSMAN ECO DIESEL CREW CAB 4X4

3.0 V6 Turbo DIESEL EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Semi-Gloss Black Aluminum Wheels, 69K Miles, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Bright Silver C19274A

NOW $25,790

2014 CADILLAC SRX 4 LUXURY COLLECTION AWD

3.6 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 108K Miles, Remote Start, Memory Power Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! White F19485C

NOW $14,995

2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Dual Panel Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitoring, Forward and Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Trailer Tow Package, Ford Certified! Blue Jeans U20059

NOW $28,994

2017 RAM 1500 BIG HORN CREW CAB 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Chrome Clad Wheels, 28K Miles, Bed Liner, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Touchscreen Display, Front and Rear Park Assist System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Luxury Brown U20067

NOW $27,172

2017 HONDA CIVIC EX

1.5 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 24K Miles, Remote Start, Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Gray C20042A

WAS $18,395 NOW $17,513

2015 GMC SIERRA 1500 SLT Z-71 CREW CAB 4X4

5.3 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 93K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Security Cover, Running Boards, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Adjust Pedals, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Cd-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! White C19234A

NOW $29,282

2016 RAM 1500 BIG HORN CREW CAB 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 34K Miles, Spray-In Bedliner, Running Boards, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Touchscreen Display, Front and Reverse Park Assist System, Rear View Camera, Ram Certified! Delmonico Red U20070

NOW $26,513

2014 AUDI A6 PREMIUM PLUS AWD

2.6 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 93K Miles, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black U18194A

NOW $14,743

2018 HYUNDAI SANTA FE SPORT AWD

2.0 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Only 11K Miles, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Red C20111A

WAS $29,653 NOW $26,232

2016 BUICK ENCORE AWD

1.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Chromed Aluminum Wheels, 47K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross Traffic Alert, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Carbon Black U20057

NOW $17,969

2016 HONDA HR-V EXL AWD

1.8 EFI Engine, CVT Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 85K Miles, Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Blue M20017A

NOW $14,995

2017 FORD F-150 STX SUPERCREW 4X4

5.0 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 31K Miles, Bed Liner, Running Boards, SYNC 3, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic U20001

WAS $31,764 NOW $31,201

2011 TOYOTA SIENNA LIMITED AWD

3.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 158K Miles, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, DVD Entertainment System, Power Slide Side Doors, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Gray C20151A

NOW $12,892

2016 RAM 1500 SPORT CREW CAB 4X4

5.7 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Polished Aluminum Wheels, 40K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Adjust Pedals, Power Moon Roof, Park Assist System, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Sting Yellow U20060

NOW $32,956

2017 RAM 1500 ST EXPRESS QUAD CAB 4X4

5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Chrome Clad Wheels, 33K Miles, 5.0 Touchscreen Display, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Chrysler Certified! Bright White U20046

WAS $25,819 NOW $24,287

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Satin Silver Aluminum Wheels, 24K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Adaptive Cruise Control, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Jeep Advanced Active Safety Group, Lane Departure Alert, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Bright White C20135A

NOW $29,839

2017 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Manual Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 31K Miles, Willy's Wheeler Package, Black 3-Piece Hard Top, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Black F20238A

NOW $28,661

2018 FORD FOCUS SEL HATCHBACK

2.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Machined Aluminum Wheels, 27K Miles, SYNC 3, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic U20073

NOW $15,416

2017 RAM 1500 ST EXPRESS CREW CAB 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Chrome Clad Wheels, 22K Miles, Anti-Spin Differential Rear Axle, Touchscreen Display, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Delmonico Red F19489A

NOW $25,995

2016 MAZDA CX-5 GT AWD

2.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 38K Miles, Navigation, Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Driver's Seat, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Mazda Certified! White S20003

WAS $21,995 NOW $21,500

2019 HYUNDAI SANTA FE SEL AWD

2.4 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 30K Miles, Power Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factor Warranty, Machine Gray C20133A

NOW $22,419

2018 CHEVY TRAX LS AWD

1.4 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 18K Miles, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Silver C19329C

WAS $15,994 NOW $15,494

2015 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED SAHARA 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 5 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 69K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Leather Heated Seating, 6.5 Touchscreen Display, Trailer Tow Group, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Copper C19150A

WAS $27,997 NOW $26,568

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3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Satin Silver Aluminum Wheels, 38K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Rear Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Trailer Tow Group IV, Jeep Certified! Velvet Red U20030

WAS $28,979 NOW $26,889

2017 FORD F-150 XLT SPORT SUPERCAB 4X4

2.7 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Security Cover, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Power Heated Seating, SYNC 3, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic U20075

NOW $28,485

2014 CHEVY CAMARO LT

3.6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 62K Miles, Remote Start, Power Seating, Power Moon Roof, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Red U20049

NOW $16,511

2015 CHEVY 1500 SILVERADO LT CREW CAB 4X4

5.3 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 61K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Gray U20033

WAS $26,981 NOW $26,511

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 41K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear Park Assist with Stop, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Diamond Black U20036

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2016 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT SE

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Thank goodness, it's 'just' pneumonia

Being sick is never fun, but now, in the times of the coronavirus, it can be downright nerve-wracking.

I'm feeling warm. Do I have a fever?

My throat's sore. My muscles ache. Why can't I stop coughing?

I can't catch my breath. My head hurts. I'm so tired. I can't eat, I'm too nauseous.

Andy Steinke

All point to a patient having COVID-19 ... or a number of other sicknesses. There's only one way to know for sure: get a test.

That's what we did this week. My wife hadn't been feeling well for more than a week, so on Tuesday we set up a time to visit the drive-thru line outside the Center for Outpatient Services.

The test took about 20 seconds, but getting the results took 24 hours.

Her symptoms matched up perfectly with COVID-19: fever, chills, muscles aches, coughing, shortness of breath, extreme fatigue, headaches, congestion, nausea.

The day after Memorial Day, we went into self-quarantine because we figured she had the virus. We weren't going to have her tested, but a week later she was still sick. So we thought it was prudent to know for sure what she had.

She called the doctor's office, and a test was ordered. Wednesday rolled around and a weird thing happened: She didn't have it. She had pneumonia.

It felt wrong to be grateful for pneumonia – no walk in the park itself – but it seemed like a better diagnosis than COVID-19. At least there was medication the doctor could give her to help her feel better. We didn't just have to wait for the sickness to run its course.

For a week, we unnecessarily worried she had a virus she didn't even have. We were so scared of the probable outcome (COVID-19) that we didn't stop to consider other rational outcomes.

If she had taken the test earlier, she could've had a diagnosis earlier, she could've started treatment sooner, and she could've been feeling better faster.

COVID-19 still has everyone on edge. We've all become hypochondriacs. We look sideways any time someone coughs near us, starts inching too close to our personal space, or walks into a store without wearing a face mask.

But there's a lesson in all this: While it's right to be fearful of COVID-19 (after all, it has killed more than 100,000 Americans), we can't let it consume our lives.

If someone has a fever, maybe it's just the flu. If someone sneezes, maybe they're just allergic to the flowers. If someone gets too close to us in the store, maybe they have glaucoma and couldn't see us out of their peripheral vision.

As more businesses reopen next week, continue to be safe, practice social distancing, and wear a face mask when necessary. But don't forget that knowledge is power.

If you think you might have COVID-19, get a test. Who knows, it might just be pneumonia.

Andy Steinke is features editor at The Herald-Palladium. Email him at asteinke@TheHP.com, or follow him on Twitter @Decoding Dadhood.

Decatur graduate releases new book

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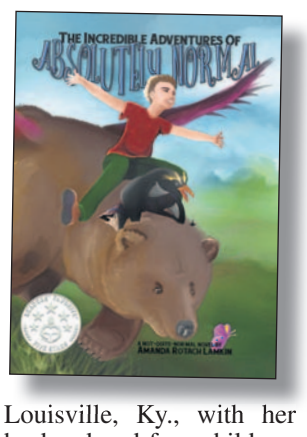

Amanda Rotach Lamkin will release her "not-quite-normal novel," "The Incredible Adventures of Absolutely Normal," on Sunday.

The book, distributed by her publishing house, Line by Lion Publications, is available online on Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

Lamkin, a graduate of Decatur High School, lives in Louisville, Ky., with her husband and four children. This is her fifth book."

"The Incredible Adventures of Absolutely Normal" is an adventure fiction novel written for ages 7-12.

The book follows the exploits of lead character Albert, who is in the shadow of his brave, charismatic cousin, Samuel. When Albert is delivered to another world, he has to discover what he's really made of, beyond his seeming normality. What results is a story about the makings of a hero, and the voyage of self-discovery for young people when life puts them to the test.

TRINITY TEACHER HONORED BY LEGION

Photo provided

Amy Roth, a second grade teacher at Trinity Lutheran School in St. Joseph, was recently awarded a 2020 Teacher of the Year Award. The American Legion Department of Michigan's Education and Scholarship Committee selected Roth out of numerous applications submitted by school administrators across Michigan. Five teachers were selected for the award. Winners were chosen based on the teacher's competence, community involvement and patriotism / Americanism. Each winning teacher received a plaque and a $500 grant.

Braschler one of Olivet's top grads

OLIVET — Jenna Braschler of South Haven was recently named one of Olivet College's top seven graduates.

The top Olivet graduating seniors are annually honored with the Donald A. Morris Academic Excellence Award.

Professors chosen by the students as most influential also are honored.

BRASCHLER

Braschler is an accounting major. She plans to have a career in the accounting industry, and plans to obtain her CPA license.

She said she will most remember her time with the Olivet College band program and her Greek house, Alpha Lambda Epsilon.

She said her most influential faculty member was Professor Jackie Looser.

"Professor Looser was one of my accounting professors and my academic adviser," Braschler said. "She has always been very supportive and encouraging during my time at Olivet."

ON CAMPUS

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Buchanan – Dravyn Patterson, communication studies, minor in educational studies

Niles – Abigail Amat, English (creative writing) and French

St. Joseph – Alex Warman, communication studies

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Cedarville, Ohio

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Lawton – Kristy Parks, Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering

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Clemson University
Clemson, S.C.

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DePauw University
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Niles – Michael Clayton, emergency management

Monmouth College
Monmouth, Ill.

Edwardsburg – Makayla Shaw, biology

St. Mary's College
Notre Dame, Ind.

Buchanan – Karissa Kennedy, Bachelor of Arts in communication studies

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Rotary essay contest winners announced

ST. JOSEPH — The Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor, in collaboration with Berrien RESA, has announced the winners of the annual Rotary Scholarship Essay Contest.

"Our community should feel so proud of these young men and women," contest chair Jacqui Winship said in a news release. "The creativity, communication and critical thinking skills that are apparent in these essays demonstrate the world-class education the students are receiving."

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This year's winners were:

- 1st place – $1,000 scholarship – Chiara Thrum, Lakeshore High School
- 2nd place – $750 scholarship – Patrick Kean, Buchanan High School
- 3rd place – $500 scholarship – Brandon Feole, Bridgman High School

Thrum is involved in student government, Key Club, National Honors Society, tennis and the Math and Science Center. She will attend the University of Notre Dame this fall to study environmental science and later focus on geoengineering.

Kean has competed in events such as Science Olympiad and marching band competitions, and enjoys writing. He will attend Eastern Michigan University to study computer science to eventually move into game development.

Feole also attends the Math and Science Center and the Professional Health Careers Academy in Niles. He has been involved in Boy Scouts, research at Andrews University, HOSA, the National Honor Society, and as an IT intern at Gaishin Manufacturing. He plans to study public health at Johns Hopkins University, with a focus on infectious disease.

The Rotary Scholarship Essay Contest is open to one senior from each high school in Berrien County, plus one homeschool student. Fifteen students competed this year.

This year's contest judges were Kim Knowlton, Amanda Lezotte, Chris Martin, Kerry Mindeman, Lisa Cripps-Downey, Nicole Heugel, Dave Kirshenbaum, Trevor Kubatzke and Jack Sukup.

SJ Lions Club awards annual scholarships

ST. JOSEPH — The Lions Club of St. Joseph recently awarded three four-year Mergenthaler Scholarships to St. Joseph High School graduates: Thomas Chen, Claire Lundy and Laura Wolf.

LUNDY

WOLF

CHEN

Chen and Lundy plan to attend the University of Michigan, and Wolf plans to attend Calvin University.

The Mergenthaler Scholarship was established in 1981 by Lillian Mergenthaler. The Lions Club administrates the annual scholarship program.

Meier recognized at WLC convocation

MILWAUKEE — Last month, Wisconsin Lutheran College hosted a virtual honors convocation, during which scholarships and special awards were presented to students who distinguished themselves through their academic accomplishments.

Reidun Meier of St. Joseph received the CRC Press Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award. This honor is awarded to a freshman chemistry student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and a high interest in chemistry.

Meier is a graduate of Michigan Lutheran High School.

IN BRIEF

Library presents Zoom book presentation

BRIDGMAN — Bridgman Public Library will host a unique book presentation with author William E. Hazelgrove at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Hazelgrove will speak via Zoom about "Al Capone and The 1933 World's Fair: The End of the Gangster Era in Chicago."

For more information, visit www.bridgmanlibrary.com.

Garden plots available in Bridgman

BRIDGMAN — Community garden plots are available for rent through Bridgman Public Library.

Rent a 4-by-8-foot plot for $10.

For more information, call 465-3663.

SAM receives $10K Pokagon Fund grant

THREE OAKS — The School of American Music recently received a $10,000 grant from the Pokagon Fund. The grant will enable the school to extend its need-based scholarship program up to 100 percent of the cost of lessons.

"With families feeling the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are going into an economically difficult time," SAM President Garth Taylor said in a news release. "Music is important, especially now when we need an escape from the bad news as we wait for the pandemic to end. This grant helps us to help our community in this time of need."

To meet safety concerns, SAM offers music lessons in several formats: online via Zoom and other software; socially distanced face-to-face lessons starting next week at the Three Oaks Arts & Education Center, and later socially distanced face-to-face lessons in its studios at Three Oaks Public Library.

SAM is seeking additional support to extend its up-to-100 percent scholarship program for the year.

To inquire about lessons, or to donate to the scholarship fund, email schoolofamericanmusic@gmail.com or call 409-1191.

Fernwood Garden Party goes virtual

NILES — Fernwood Botanical Garden is re-imagining its largest fundraiser, the Garden Party, into a virtual fundraiser that kicks off June 20.

The fundraiser will include: Dan Smith and Steve McDonagh, The Hearty Boys, as emcees; an online auction featuring artfully crafted planted containers, garden elements and more; special video messaging; and more ways to support Fernwood.

For more information, visit www.fernwoodbotanical.org.

PET OF THE WEEK

Rosé has a very sweet demeanor and loves pleasing people. She is good with most dogs, and is likely good with kids, but not cats. Rosé is house-trained, spayed, current on vaccines and is 3-4 years old. To meet her, call Berrien County Animal Control at 927-5648.

ON CAMPUS

From page D1

Buchanan – Jade Mosier, Bachelor of Arts in speech language pathology

Coloma – Courtney Kroschel, Bachelor of Arts in economics, summa cum laude

Coloma – Michelle Lester, Bachelor of Arts in political science

Dowagiac – Elizabeth Stockwell, Bachelor of Arts in speech language pathology, magna cum laude

Edwardsburg – Malary VanOverberghe, Bachelor of Arts in psychology, cum laude

Galien – RyLee Haughey, Bachelor of Business Administration

New Buffalo – Caitline Gibbs, Bachelor of Arts in elementary education/Spanish, summa cum laude

Niles – Emma Schmidt, Bachelor of Arts in elementary education, cum laude

Niles – Nola Wallace, Bachelor of Arts in psychology, magna cum laude

Paw Paw – Hannah Wilson, Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting, cum laude

St. Joseph – Courtney Driscoll, Bachelor of Business Administration

Stevensville – Lily Brandt, Bachelor of Arts in communication studies

Trine University
Angola, Ind.

Bridgman – Nicholas Knowlton, Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering

Lawrence – Robert Dick, Bachelor of Science in chemistry

Niles – Austin Balos, BSBA in marketing; Emily Gaines, BSBA in management and Master of Business Administration; Makenna Hartline, Bachelor of Science in exercise science; Michaela Hartline, Bachelor of Science in exercise science; Alex Jasper, Bachelor of Science in software engineering

Paw Paw – Cassidy Small, BSBA in sports management

St. Joseph – Justin Bundy, Bachelor of Science in exercise science

Three Rivers – Hannah Frye, BSBA in business administration

University of Findlay
Findlay, Ohio

South Haven – Aaron Overhiser, Bachelor of Science in health science, summa cum laude

President's list

The following area students have been named to a university's president's list.

Mississippi College
Clinton, Miss.

Niles – Ann Marks

Southwestern Michigan College
Dowagiac

Benton Harbor – Donmicka Johnson

Berrien Springs – Destinee Coleman, Adaline Griffiths, Abigail Trecartin, Yubeira Zapata

Buchanan – Cody Freeman, Taylor Masse, Emily Riley

Cassopolis – Jade Harbert, William Kelly

Coloma – Kayla Farrow, Skylar Hicks

Decatur – Arely Hernandez

Dowagiac – Emmaline Sovine, Stephanie Wares

Eau Claire – Ana Peek

Edwardsburg – Kyra Burns, Jennifer Roupe, Rebecca Roupe

Lawrence – Valerie Norris

Lawton – Chelsea Barnett

New Buffalo – Nicole Maroney

Niles – Shawn Calhoun, Davie Colburn, Ashley Davis, Mallory Majerek, Lauren Schaer, Gabriel Sergio, Sydney Stephenson, Jenny Walters

Paw Paw – Abbey Churney

St. Joseph – Phillip Cooper, Lydia Sommer, Maria Springs

South Haven – Maya Ankenbruck

Stevensville – Anushka Ganu, Madison Gean

Dean's list

The following area students have been named to a university's dean's list.

Albion College
Albion, Mich.

Buchanan – Jarius Ballard

Harbert – Hattie Folsom

Lawton – Alicia Prause

Niles – Abigail Amat, Aliyah Farhan

South Haven – Peter Filbrandt, Christopher Kerber

Alma College
Alma, Mich.

Bridgman – Logan Peters

Edwardsburg – Kara Tredway

Niles – Gary Carter

St. Joseph – Kali Prillwitz

Watervliet – Skylar Crisenbery

Belmont University
Nashville, Tenn.

Edwardsburg – Lynsee Ludwick

New Buffalo – Sheridan Spiess

St. Joseph – Nicolas Molloy, Hannah Olson

DePauw University
Greencastle, Ind.

Edwardsburg – Mitchael Evans

Olivet Nazarene University
Bourbonnais, Ill.

Stevensville – Joel Brawley

Connect with the older generation

Lynn Kellogg
Generations

A week after Memorial Day, I was drawn to the cover of the current National Geographic magazine, which featured a photo of Lawrence Brooks, an impressive looking African American man who at 110 is America's oldest known World War II veteran.

The feature story was entitled, "The Last Voices of World War II." Brooks' gaze, like others featured, was rich in depth. I was pulled in; a last touch to my father's generation. Dad would have been 105 this year.

In a lead-in account, separate from the main article, a woman told of accompanying her father-in-law, then 85, back to Normandy, France. She knew he'd been involved somehow in D-Day, but he'd never spoken of it. If asked, he would say he came "later" and drop it. No one pushed him.

Standing on Omaha Beach, she finally asked what "later" meant. He said, "11 a.m." D-Day morning.

The family finally understood why he hadn't spoken. He'd had to step over hundreds of bodies. When he died at 96, the top drawer of his desk held a yellowed, official, typewritten list of the men who'd hit the beach-head with him. The family had never seen it. He'd circled his name and noted the dead and wounded. We all have moments that stay with us forever.

The magazine shared brief stories of 34 people, now in their late 90s and older. Men, women, Americans, people of other cultures, nationalities, military, civilians, survivors.

Some had never told their stories. Some died before the issue went to print. Their brief testimonials brought clarity of perspective to the humanity of what they experienced and how they coped.

So fitting for Memorial Day, but the article sparked a broader perspective.

Every set of eyes, all of us, have our own unique story. From childhood on, we piece together our lives and do the best we can. Each of those living to their 80s, 90s and beyond have such a full and unique story to tell. The elders amongst us can speak to an amazing expanse of change. They represent the richest piece of community, a living touch to history.

Most of us wish at some point we could talk once again to someone we looked up to, or who we knew could answer a question about how something happened, or who we just miss.

There are so many heroes in our midst: in family, neighborhoods, among friends and colleagues, across community and country. Heroes inspire, give unconditional love, are peacemakers, provide positive focus in the midst of despair, and give hope and guidance.

Those who make it to the latest decades of life show us resiliency and perspective. If we take time to reflect, their stories teach.

By census estimates a couple years old, in the Twin Cities there are an estimated 700 individuals older than 80. Expand to all Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties, and the number will be upward of 12,000.

You're missing the boat if you don't connect as much as is welcome with this disappearing asset in our communities.

Have you been curious about someone but don't know how to strike up a conversation? Google conversation starters, and you'll have more ideas than you know what to do with.

Getting to know each other builds community. Creating friendships brings calm. Winning efforts for these times.

Lynn Kellogg is CEO of Region IV Area Agency on Aging in Southwest Michigan. Questions on age or independence services? Call the Info-Line for Aging & Disability at 800-654-2810 or visit www.areaagencyonaging.org. The Generations column appears each Saturday in The Herald-Palladium.

'I can't breathe'

Brian Bennett
Insights

On May 25, a black man cried out "I can't breathe" while under the knee of a white officer in Minneapolis. Bystanders cried out on the man's behalf while other officers watched, and witnesses videotaped the cries to spare his life.

George Floyd was a man created in God's image who had black skin and breath in his lungs. Black skin that created a context for profiling, brutality and his tragic death. Breath in his lungs that was prematurely and savagely snuffed out by someone society had positioned to help provide for his, and our, safety.

It is truly hard to understand in 2020 how the air we breathe can be so different.

For some in our society, we breathe in air that is life giving and free from concerns of oppression and injustice.

For too many others, that same air is filled with the anxiety of having non-white skin, and the reality of its heaviness in a society that continues to dehumanize their existence.

Enough is enough.

I can't breathe this air in good conscience any longer without using my lungs to call for lasting change. Lasting change begins by deconstructing our negative narratives about our fellow humans and reconstructing them with a Biblical worldview. This work requires reflection, repentance and renewal according to God's divine design.

Let me share with you a few facts about the air you breathe.

God is our creator, and gave us the air we breathe. You didn't choose the time, place, family or body you were born into, or the air it breathes. God determines those things for us all.

Acts 17:24-26 says, "He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn't live in man-made temples, and human hands can't serve his needs – for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need. From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries."

If you can't choose the time, place, family or body you were given, then what makes yours better than any other? Different, yes. Better, no.

When we begin to understand these facts, we can begin to walk in the air God designed us to walk in. Air that's filled with life, goodness, justice and equity for all people. Air that is filled with a love for our fellow image bearers of God and brothers and sisters in Christ.

Maybe the air we have been breathing has been filled with more of our personal issues than with God's design.

Acts 24:27 says, "His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him – though he is not far from any one of us."

God is far closer to us, and more available, than we often recognize. It's time we repent, reach for him, and receive the air he designed us all to experience and enjoy.

May we all say, "I can't breathe" this air anymore and receive the breath of life he meant for all people to enjoy.

We are better together, and my prayer is we walk in that reality moving forward. I invite you to find a church community to be a part of that is bringing lasting change to the air we breathe.

Today's Insights was written by the Rev. Brian Bennett, lead pastor of Overflow Church in Benton Harbor. Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each Saturday in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.

CHURCH NOTES

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 9193 Cleveland Ave., Baroda, plans to resume in-person worship services at 9 a.m. June 21. Until then, services can be found online at www.stjohnsbaroda.com.

Second Baptist Church, 600 Donald Adkins Drive, Benton Harbor, is currently livestreaming services on its YouTube page due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, will resume in-person services on June 14 with precautions in place. The church will switch to four weekly services: 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays, and 6:30 p.m. Mondays. It also will continue to hold online services on its Facebook and YouTube pages. For more information, visit www.stpaulswels.org.

All activities at **The Old Rugged Cross Church**, 61041 Vermont St., Pokagon, are canceled until further notice. For more information, visit www.the-oldruggedcross.org.

Zion St. Joe United Church of Christ, 3001 Veronica Drive, St. Joseph, continues to hold 10 a.m. Sunday services on its Facebook page. This week, pastor Adam Bohland will continue the series, "Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope." He will speak on "Friendless and Alone?"

Church Notes is a free listing, published each Saturday as a public service. Announcements are due by noon Wednesday. Late items will not be published. The editor reserves the right to edit for space and style. Incomplete information may not be published. First and last names should be furnished. Pictures submitted should include names of those shown. Pictures can be returned if accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. Send items to: Church Notes, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; fax to 429-4398 or email to focus@TheHP.com. Items should include a daytime telephone number.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Adams records his first ace

Gary Adams of Benton Township shot his first career hole-in-one Tuesday at Angels Crossing in Vicksburg.

He used a 5-iron on the 188-yard hole No. 12. The shot was witnessed by John Johnson and Jim Slevin of St. Joseph.

Steve's Run to be run virtually this year

The 46th annual Steve's Run will take place virtually between July 25 and Aug. 1.

Registration is open at https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Dowagiac/StevesRun.

Participants can run or walk their favorite route at a preferred time of day anytime July 25 through Aug. 1. Participants who sign up by July 5 will be mailed a race T-shirt (while supplies last).

Registration until July 23 costs $20 for the 5K run/walk, $25 for the 10K run and $1 for the fun run. Late registration July 24-25 costs $30 for the 10K run and the 5K run/walk.

Utah suspends coach for texting racial slur in 2013

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah has suspended defensive coordinator Morgan Scalley for using a racial slur in a 2013 text message.

Utes athletic director Mark Harlan said in a statement Friday that he was made aware of a social media post that referenced the text message.

Utah will have an outside firm review the matter for more details and to determine whether it was an isolated incident. Morgan will be suspended until the review is completed.

"In 2013 I made a terrible mistake," Morgan said. "I used a racial slur in a text message. This language is offensive and hurtful to not only the African-American community, but to all. Immediately after sending it, I apologized to the recipient and his family. I am also heartbroken over the potential breach of trust with my fellow coaches, and with the young men in our program, both past and present."

DePaul AD retires after 18 years

CHICAGO (AP) — Longtime DePaul athletic director Jean Lenti Ponsetto is retiring.

Ponsetto, who played four sports at DePaul, has served as athletic director for the past 18 years and worked in other administrative positions with the athletic department for more than 20 years.

"The changing times over these past few months has led me to this decision," Ponsetto said Friday. "Having successfully battled two breast cancer diagnoses and currently in treatment for a third, I thought it was time to step away from the long days, working every weekend and the 24/7 demands that being an athletic director requires."

The school said Ponsetto has agreed to assist the university in the transition to new leadership in the athletic department. She is among only a few female athletic directors at Division I programs.

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MHSAA updates guidelines for reopening sports

By HP STAFF

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has updated its guidelines for reopening of school sports based on the lifting of the state's stay-at-home order.

■ Member schools may begin summer activities at school facilities as long as these two conditions are met: 1. School administration has announced schools facilities are open to students and staff, and 2. The academic school year (last day of online instruction/exams) has ended.

■ Indoor facilities, including gymnasiums and weight rooms, remain closed. This includes swimming pools, although outdoor pools may be used for athletic activities.

■ Competition is not yet allowed because participants must continue to follow social distancing.

■ Balls may be used among groups of participants, but participants should clean such common equipment as permitted and continue to maintain proper hygiene (washing hands, not touching their faces) and social distance.

■ The most accurate answer to the question "What Step are schools on?" is Step 2 for outdoor activities – thanks to the ability to have gatherings of up to 100 participants – while indoor activities will start at Step 1 if gatherings of only 10 or fewer are allowed. Guidelines will continue to be updated based on directives from Governor Gretchen Whitmer's office.

"We were excited and encouraged by Governor Whitmer's announcements Monday," said MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl. "The opportunity for outside gatherings of up to 100 allowed us to rework a number of guidelines that we had published (May 29) as part of the MHSAA/NFHS reopening document. Our schools have been cautiously eager to take this long-awaited first step. We will continue to provide updates in accordance with the Governor's directives for reopening the state, always prioritizing safety for all involved in school sports programs."

Information from the Michigan High School Athletic Association

MLB players say teams 'depriving America of baseball games'

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

Ross D. Franklin / AP

Major League Baseball rejected the players' offer for a 114-game regular season in the pandemic-delayed season with no additional salary cuts and told the union it did not plan to make a counterproposal, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press.

NEW YORK — Players accused teams of "depriving America of baseball games" as part of a money fight set off by the coronavirus pandemic and raised the possibility baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred might push ahead with a shortened season over the union's objection.

Bruce Meyer, the union's chief negotiator, sent a letter to Deputy Commissioner Dan Halem on Friday threatening that an attempt to play without an agreement could lead players to block any attempt to expand the playoffs and deny consent to neutral-site games in the postseason.

"The league's cynical tactic of depriving America of baseball games in furtherance of their demand for unwarranted salary concessions is shortsighted and troubling," Meyer wrote. "Meanwhile, other leagues are moving forward with their plans for resumption."

Meyer's letter was first reported by The Athletic, and a copy was obtained by The Associated Press.

Major League Baseball made its initial economic proposal on May 26, offering an 82-game regular season schedule and a sliding scale of cuts beyond the prorated shares of salaries the sides agreed to on March 26.

Players responded on Sunday with a 114-game regular season schedule running through October and no additional cuts. Each player would get about 70 percent of his original salary under the union's plan and roughly 22-47 percent under MLB's proposal, including $200 million tied to the postseason being completed.

"We are disappointed that you are purportedly shutting down negotiations after making one proposal demanding over $800 million in further pay cuts," Meyer wrote. "We reject your invitation at the end of the letter to negotiate against ourselves. We are similarly chagrined by your decision to carry through on Rob's threat from last Sunday to intentionally play as few games as possible unless players agree to your demand for pay cuts."

MLB has proposed expanding the playoffs from 10 teams to 14, which would create at least six new games with broadcast rights to sell. The union offered to agree to a playoff expansion through 2021.

Both sides have said they hope to start the season around the beginning of July, and talks may intensify next week.

Before the pandemic, players were set to earn about $4 billion in salaries, not including signing bonuses, termination pay and option buyouts. Under the March 26 agreement, that would be cut to around $2 billion in an 82-game season.

MLB's offer would lower salaries to $1.2 billion plus the $200 million for the postseason. The union's proposal would leave salaries at $2.8 billion.

"The league needs to tell us immediately when it plans to start the season if it plans to do so unilaterally," Meyer wrote. "We assume the league understands that in the event of a unilateral implementation of a season by MLB there are numerous aspects of a season that the players association will not be under any obligation to agree to, most notably any changes to the existing playoff structure and the locations of playoff games. If you intend to seek the players' agreement to any such changes, we suggest that you raise them expeditiously."

Under the March agreement, the season cannot start without MLB's consent until there are no government restrictions on playing in front of fans in home ballparks, no relevant travel restrictions in the U.S. and Canada, and a determination by Manfred there is no health risk to players, staff or spectators. The sides committed to "discuss in good faith the economic feasibility of playing games in the absence of spectators or at appropriate substitute neutral sites."

Halem had written to the union on Wednesday that "we do not have any reason to believe that a negotiated solution for an 82-game season is possible."

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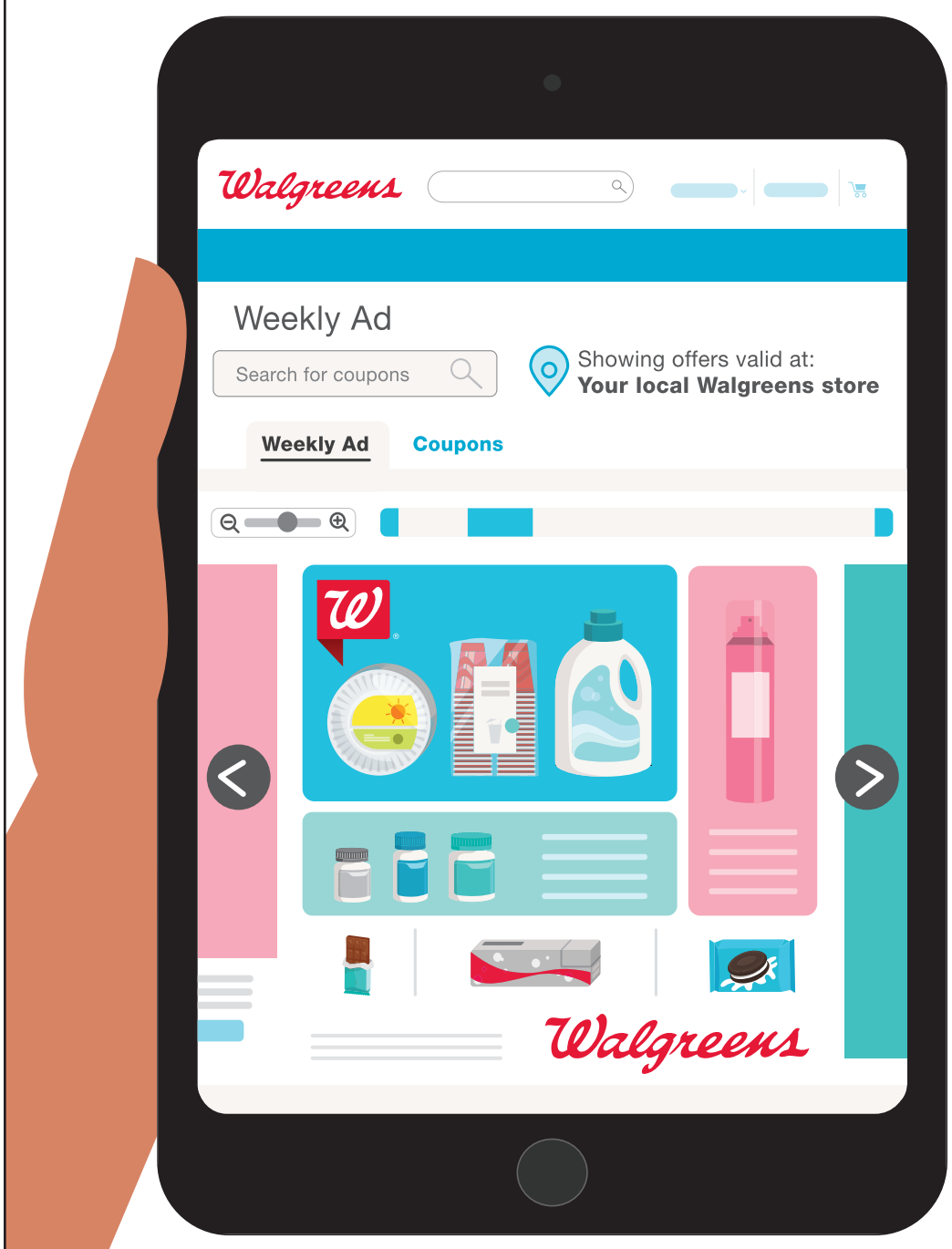

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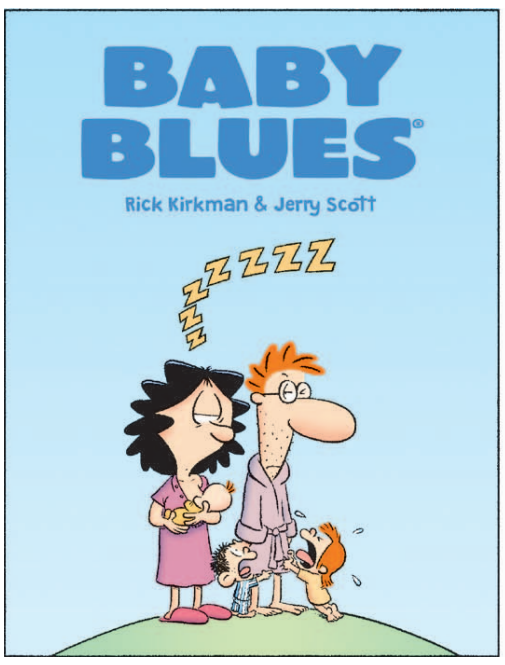

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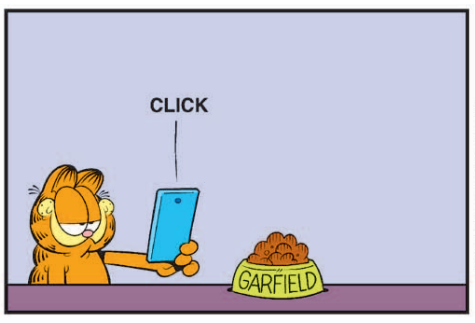

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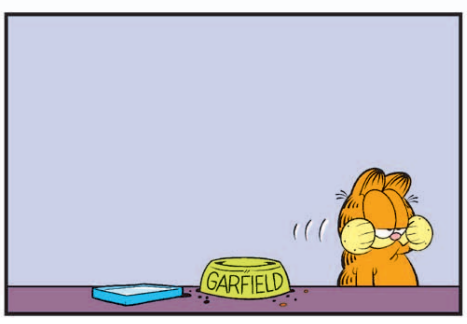

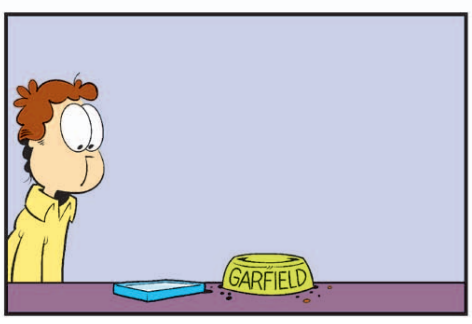

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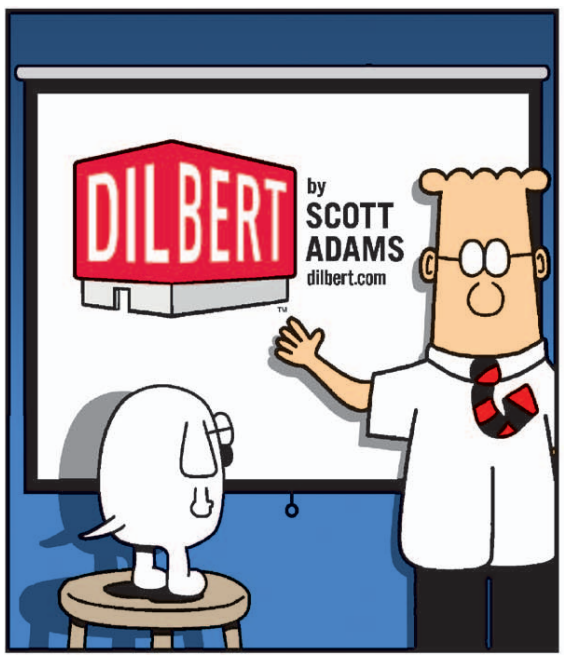

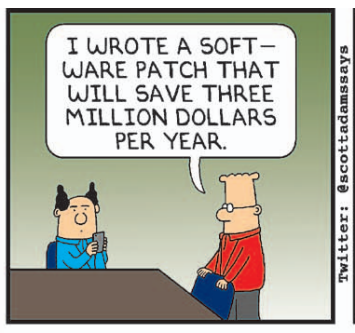

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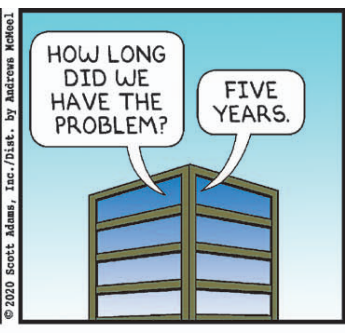

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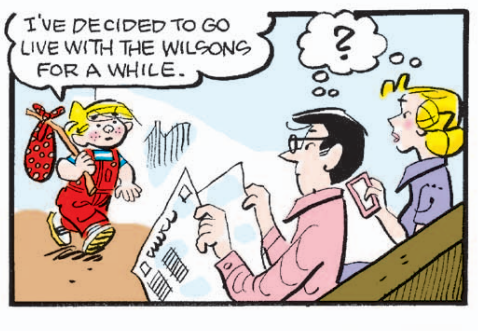

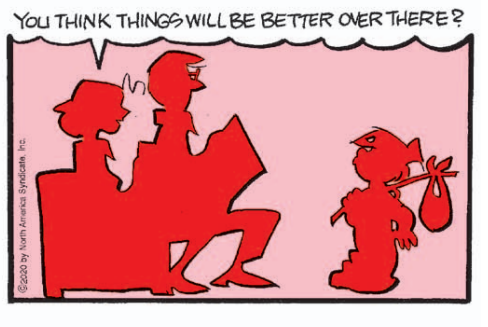

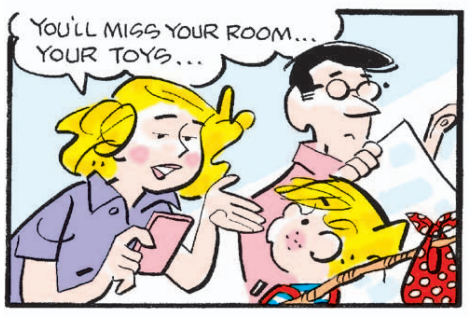

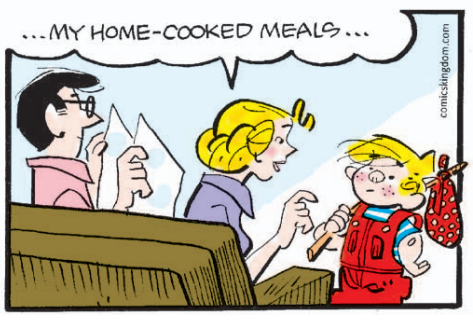

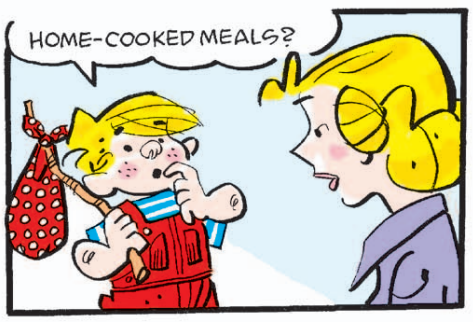

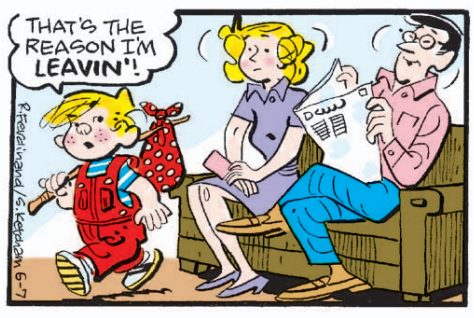

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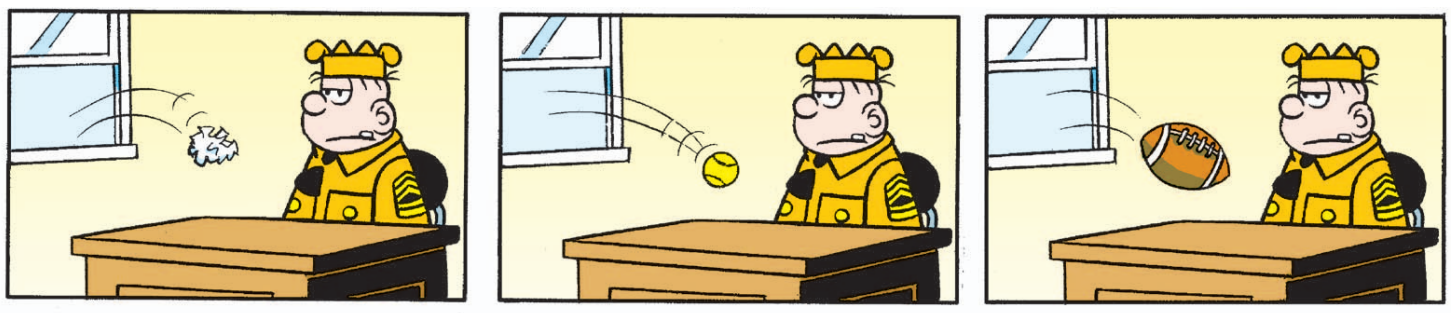

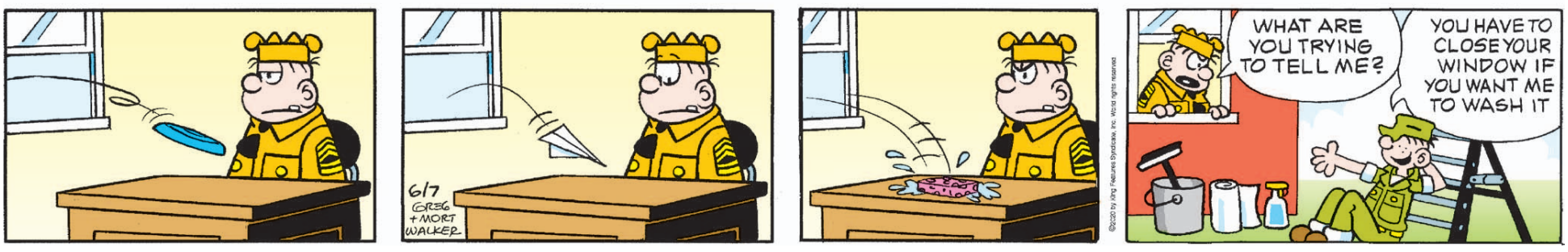
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WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME?
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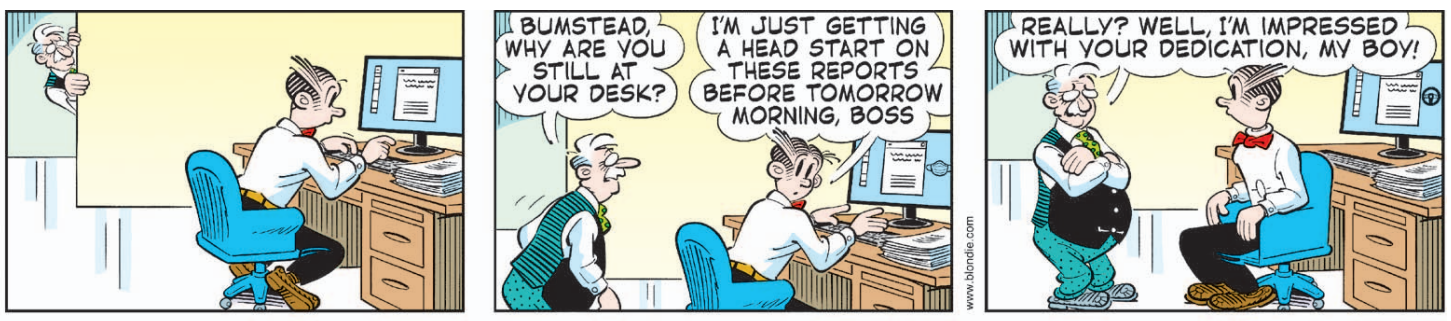
BUMSTEAD, WHY ARE YOU STILL AT YOUR DESK?
I'M JUST GETTING A HEAD START ON THESE REPORTS BEFORE TOMORROW MORNING, BOSS
REALLY? WELL, I'M IMPRESSED WITH YOUR DEDICATION, MY BOY!
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I FEEL BETTER WHEN I KNOW I'M EARNING MY PAYCHECK, BOSS
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YOU'VE INSPIRED ME, BUMSTEAD
HERE'S ANOTHER STACK OF REPORTS TO HELP YOU FEEL BETTER ABOUT EARNING YOUR PAYCHECK
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BE SURE TO TURN THE LIGHTS OUT WHEN YOU LEAVE

MUTTS

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Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.

- Mason Cooley

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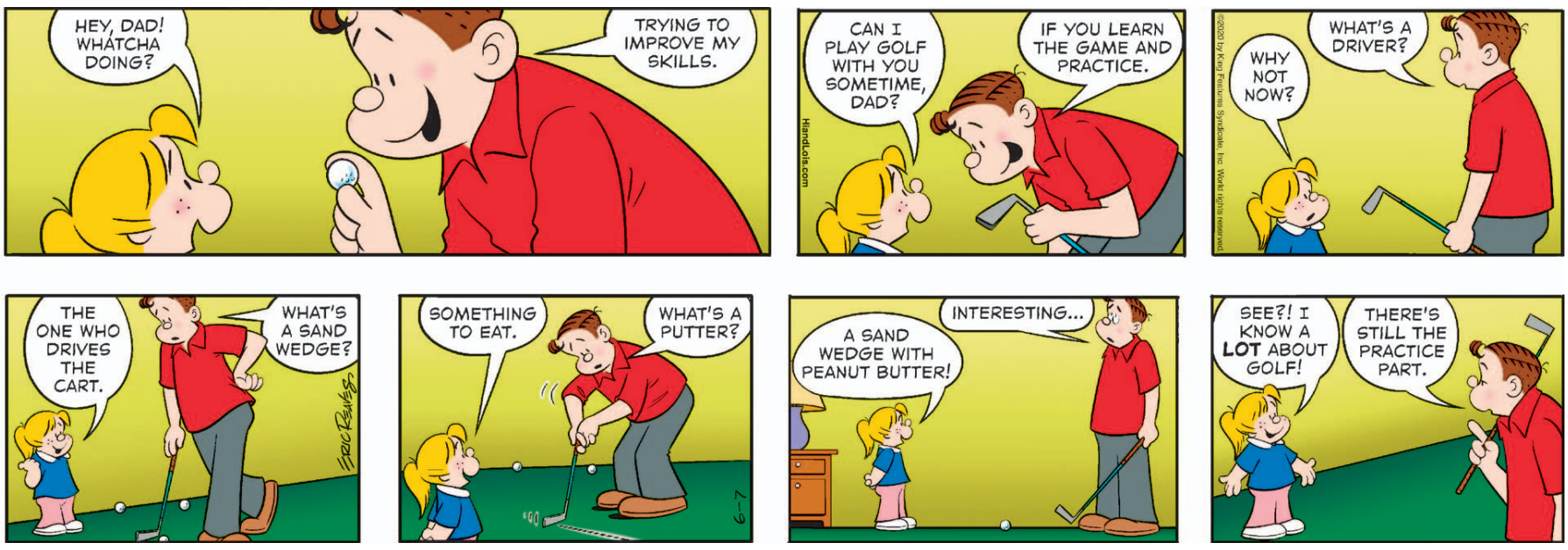
HEY, DAD! WHATCHA DOING?
TRYING TO IMPROVE MY SKILLS.
CAN I PLAY GOLF WITH YOU SOMETIME, DAD?
IF YOU LEARN THE GAME AND PRACTICE.
WHY NOT NOW?
WHAT'S A DRIVER?
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THE ONE WHO DRIVES THE CART.
WHAT'S A SAND WEDGE?
ERIC REYNOLDS
SOMETHING TO EAT.
WHAT'S A PUTTER?
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A SAND WEDGE WITH PEANUT BUTTER!
INTERESTING...
SEE?! I KNOW A LOT ABOUT GOLF!
THERE'S STILL THE PRACTICE PART.

The FAMILY CIRCUS®

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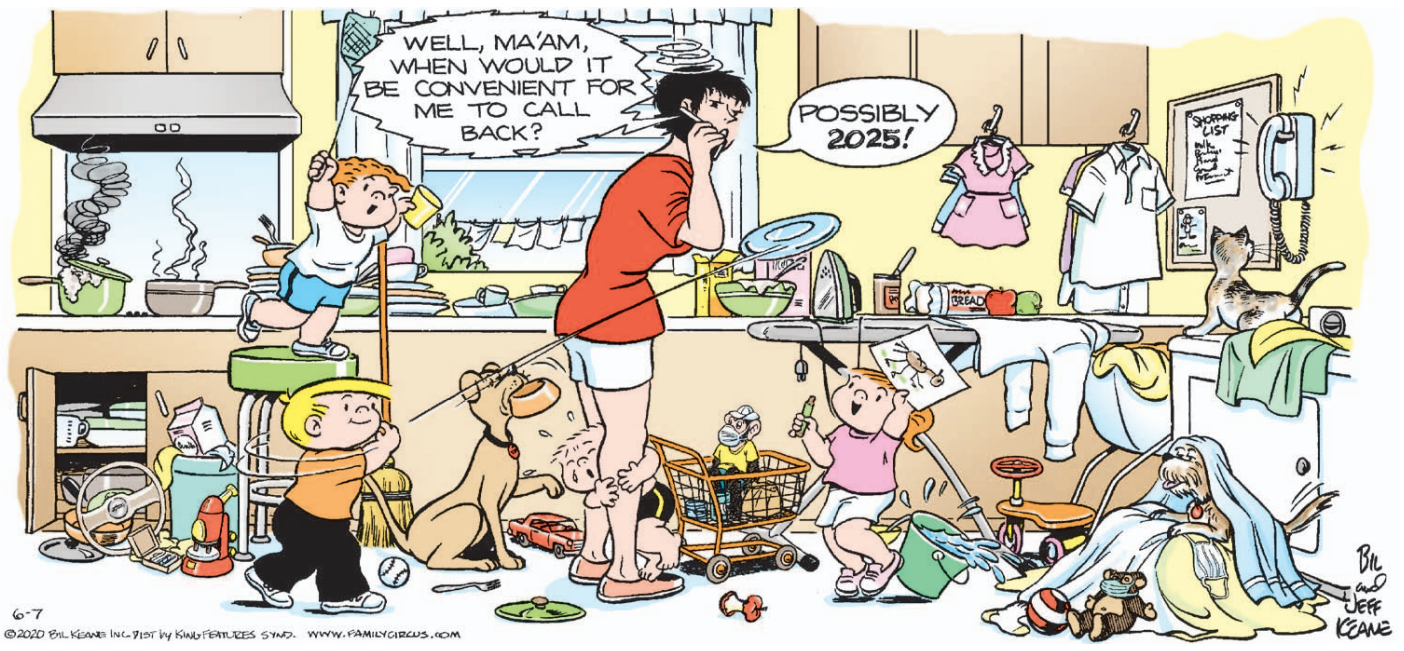
WELL, MA'AM, WHEN WOULD IT BE CONVENIENT FOR ME TO CALL BACK?
POSSIBLY 2025!
SHOPPING LIST
BREAD
BIL and JEFF KEANE
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FUNKY WINKERBEAN

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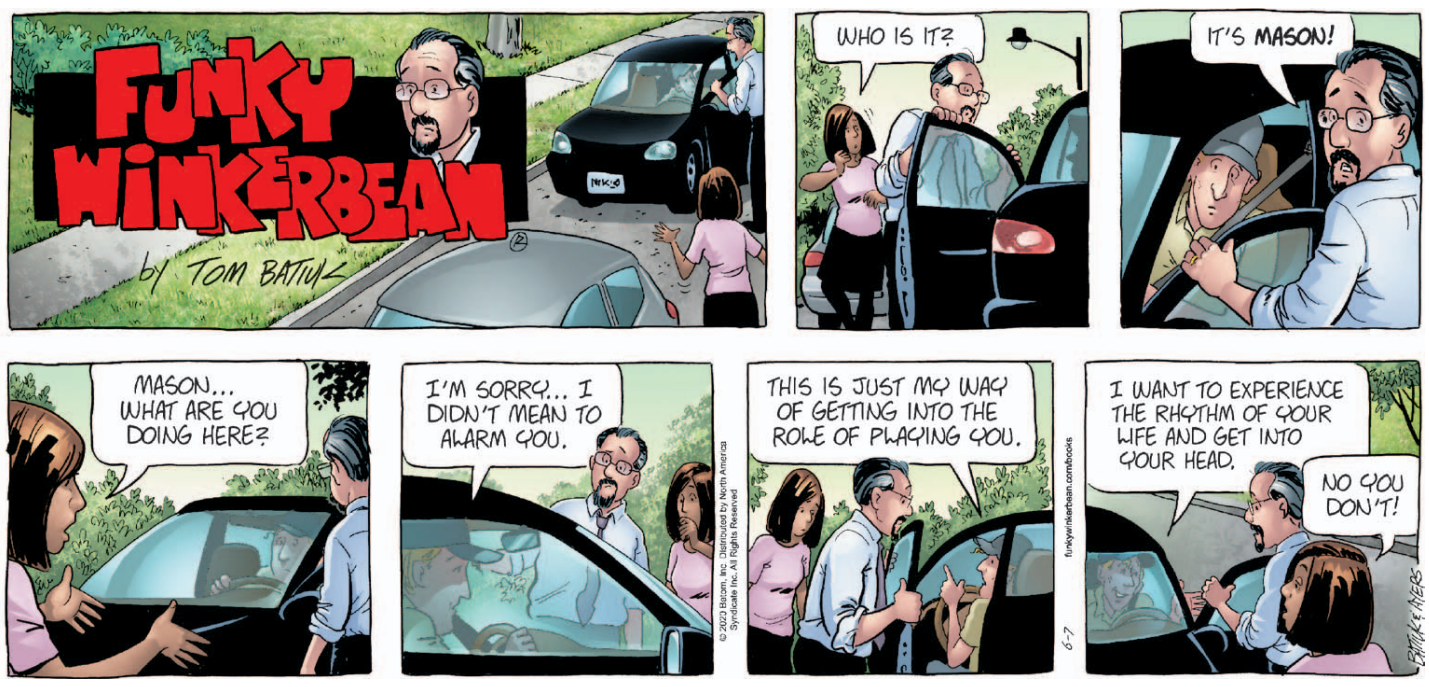
WHO IS IT?
IT'S MASON!
MASON... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I'M SORRY... I DIDN'T MEAN TO ALARM YOU.
THIS IS JUST MY WAY OF GETTING INTO THE ROLE OF PLAYING YOU.
I WANT TO EXPERIENCE THE RHYTHM OF YOUR WIFE AND GET INTO YOUR HEAD.
NO YOU DON'T!
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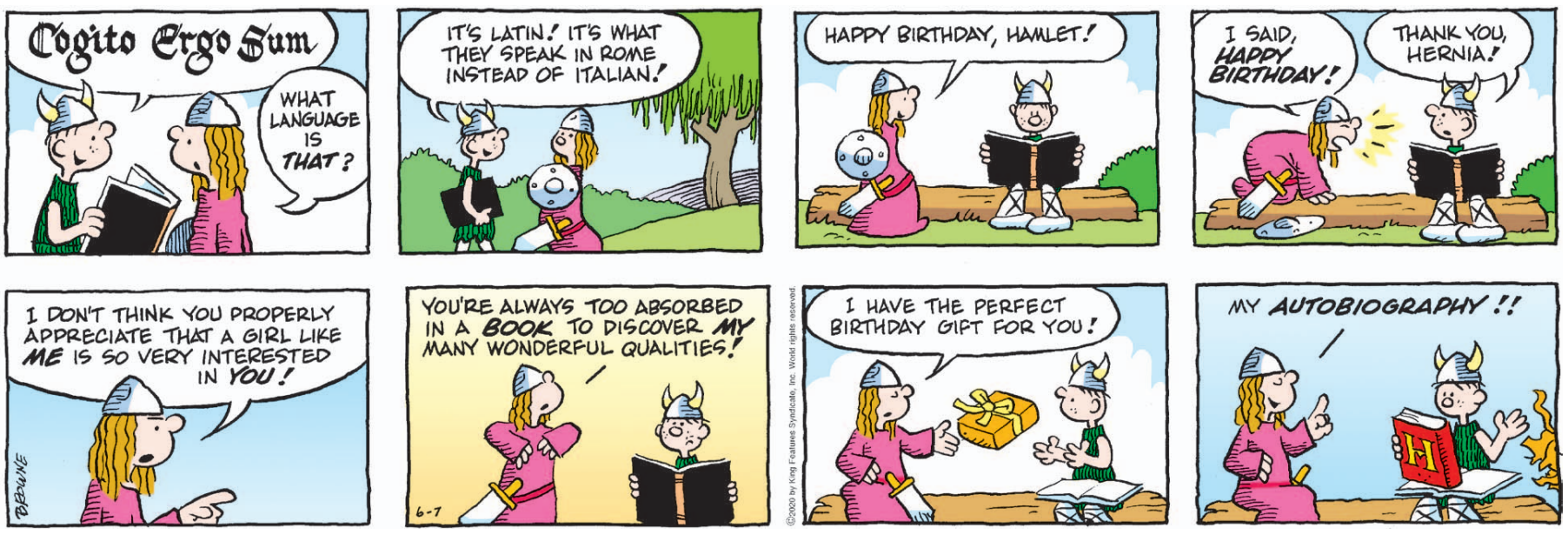
Cogito Ergo Sum
WHAT LANGUAGE IS THAT?
IT'S LATIN! IT'S WHAT THEY SPEAK IN ROME INSTEAD OF ITALIAN!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HAMLET!
I SAID, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
THANK YOU, HERNIA!
I DON'T THINK YOU PROPERLY APPRECIATE THAT A GIRL LIKE ME IS SO VERY INTERESTED IN YOU!
BROWNE
YOU'RE ALWAYS TOO ABSORBED IN A BOOK TO DISCOVER MY MANY WONDERFUL QUALITIES!
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I HAVE THE PERFECT BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR YOU!
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MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY!!

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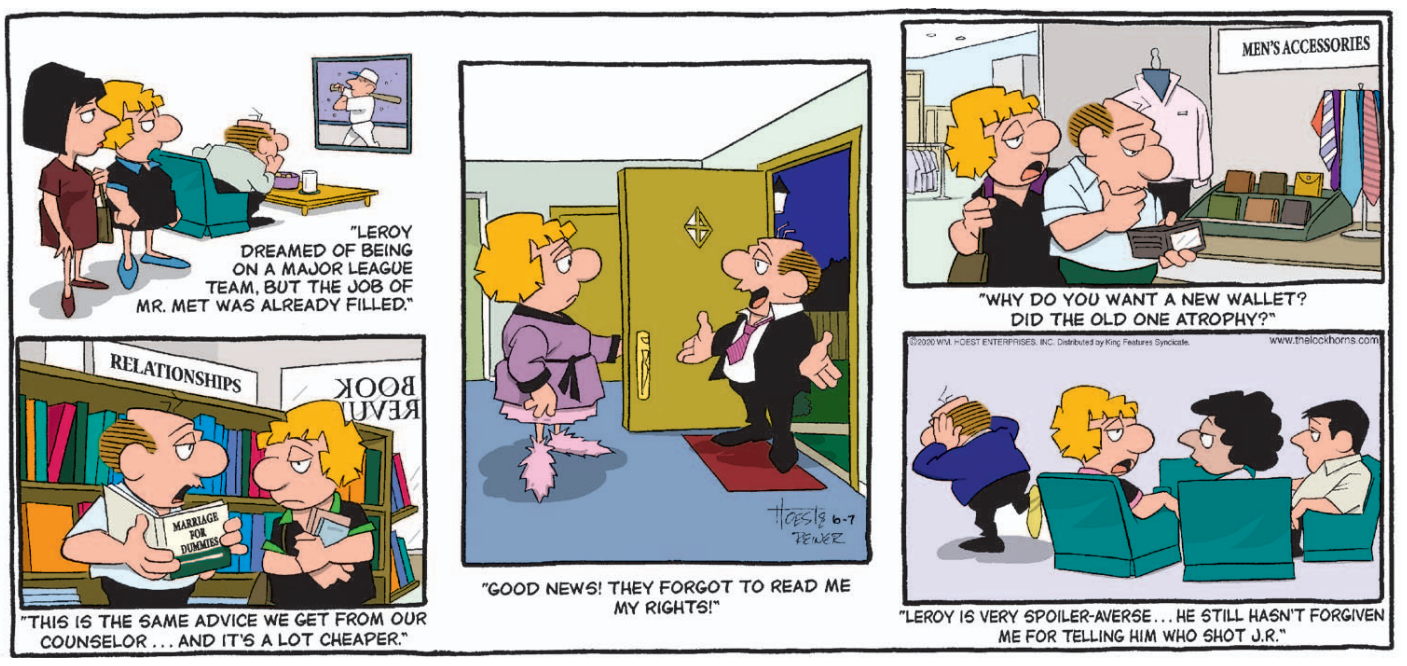
BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER


"LEROY DREAMED OF BEING ON A MAJOR LEAGUE TEAM, BUT THE JOB OF MR. MET WAS ALREADY FILLED."
RELATIONSHIPS
MARRIAGE FOR DUMMIES
"THIS IS THE SAME ADVICE WE GET FROM OUR COUNSELOR . . . AND IT'S A LOT CHEAPER."
"GOOD NEWS! THEY FORGOT TO READ ME MY RIGHTS!"
MEN'S ACCESSORIES
"WHY DO YOU WANT A NEW WALLET? DID THE OLD ONE ATROPHY?"
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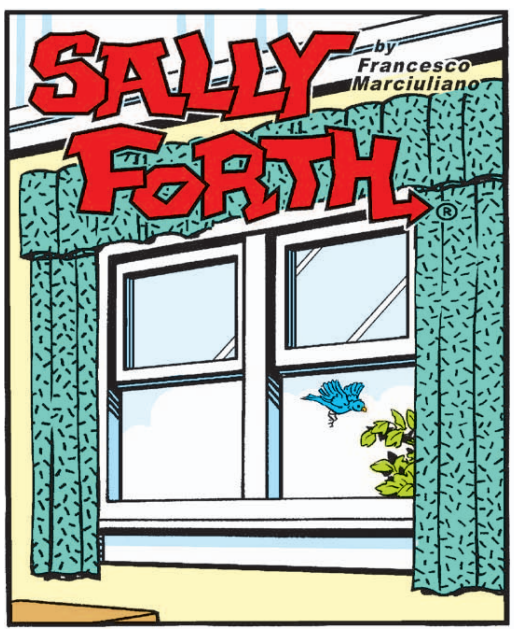
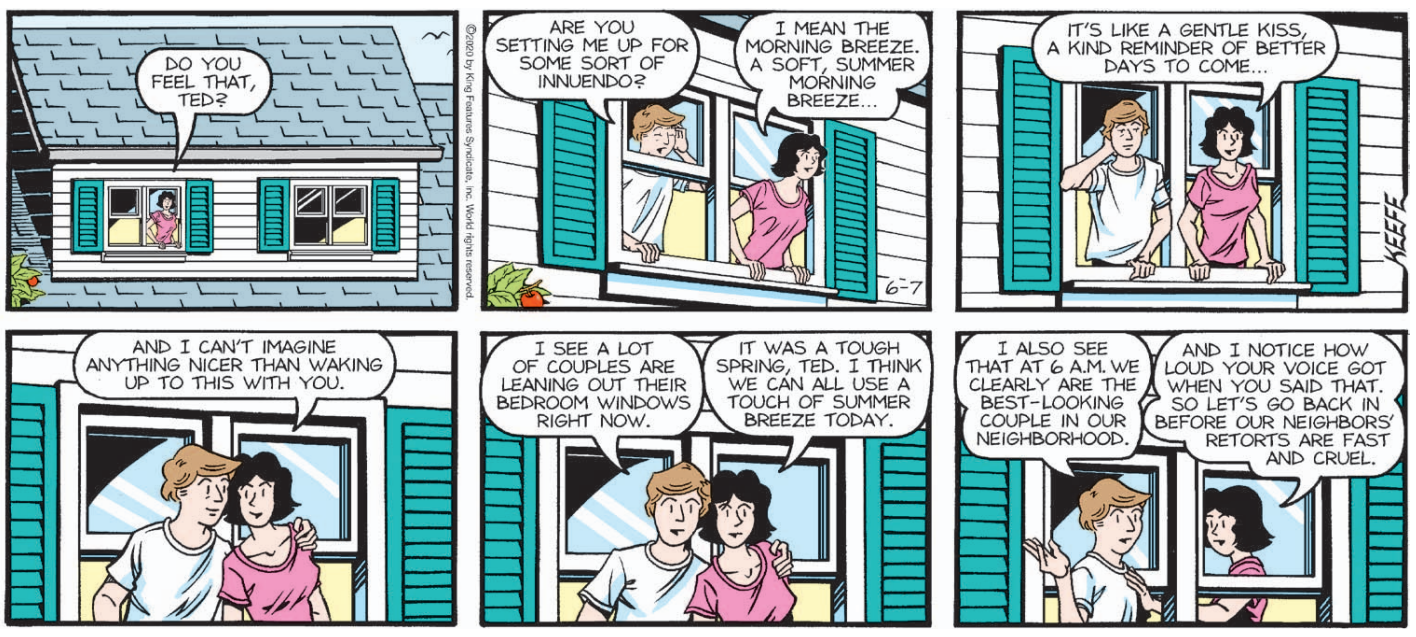
"LEROY IS VERY SPOILER-AVERSE . . . HE STILL HASN'T FORGIVEN ME FOR TELLING HIM WHO SHOT J.R."

SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano




DO YOU FEEL THAT, TED?
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ARE YOU SETTING ME UP FOR SOME SORT OF INNUENDO?
I MEAN THE MORNING BREEZE. A SOFT, SUMMER MORNING BREEZE...
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IT'S LIKE A GENTLE KISS, A KIND REMINDER OF BETTER DAYS TO COME...
KEEFE
AND I CAN'T IMAGINE ANYTHING NICER THAN WAKING UP TO THIS WITH YOU.
I SEE A LOT OF COUPLES ARE LEANING OUT THEIR BEDROOM WINDOWS RIGHT NOW.
IT WAS A TOUGH SPRING, TED. I THINK WE CAN ALL USE A TOUCH OF SUMMER BREEZE TODAY.
I ALSO SEE THAT AT 6 A.M. WE CLEARLY ARE THE BEST-LOOKING COUPLE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.
AND I NOTICE HOW LOUD YOUR VOICE GOT WHEN YOU SAID THAT. SO LET'S GO BACK IN BEFORE OUR NEIGHBORS' RETORTS ARE FAST AND CRUEL.

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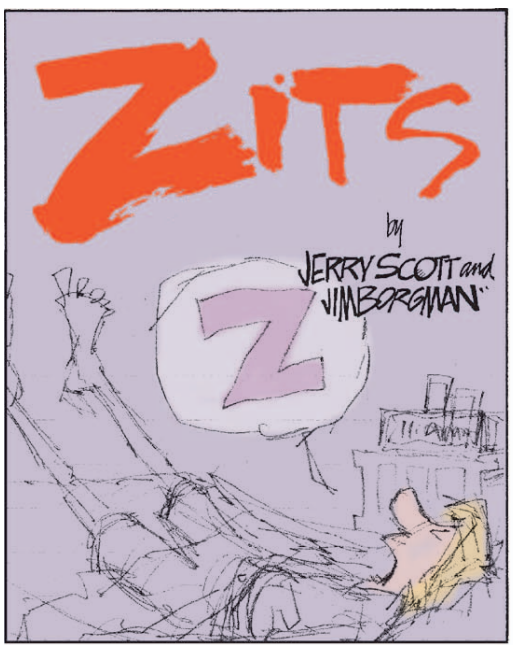

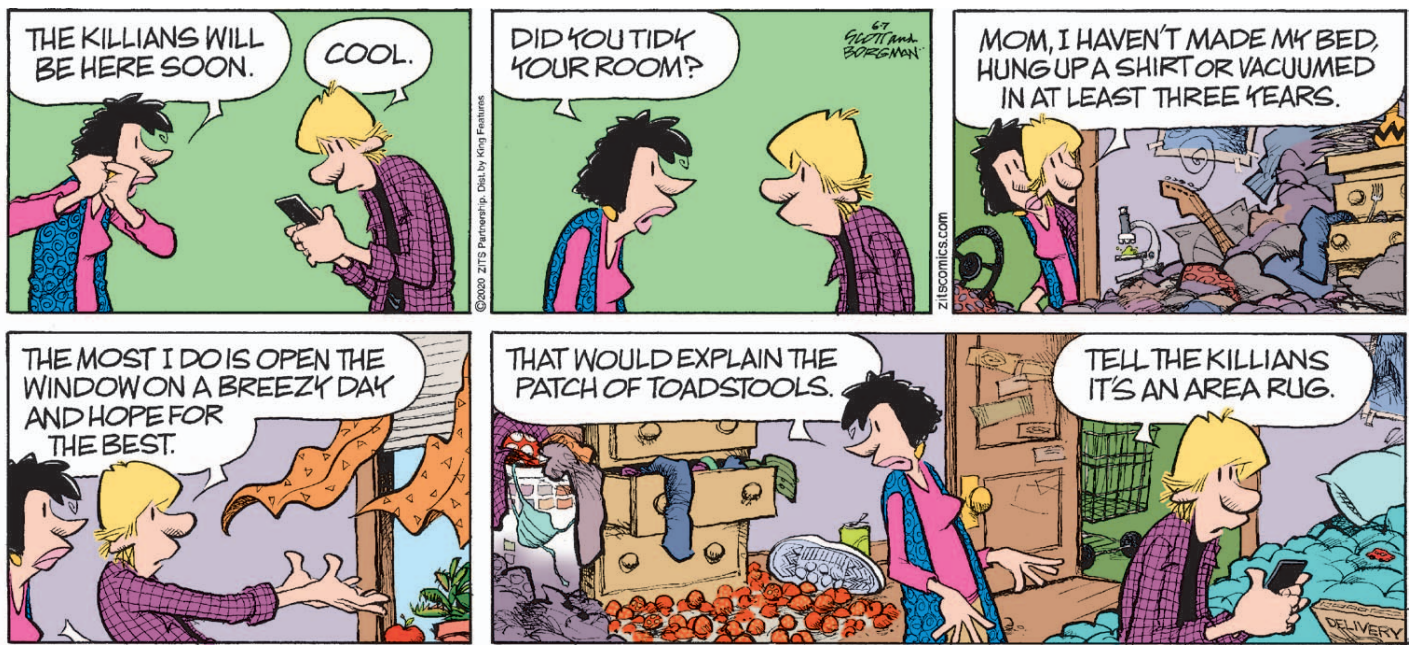
THE KILLIANS WILL BE HERE SOON.
COOL.
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DID YOU TIDY YOUR ROOM?
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MOM, I HAVEN'T MADE MY BED, HUNG UP A SHIRT OR VACUUMED IN AT LEAST THREE YEARS.
THE MOST I DO IS OPEN THE WINDOW ON A BREEZY DAY AND HOPE FOR THE BEST.
THAT WOULD EXPLAIN THE PATCH OF TOADSTOOLS.
TELL THE KILLIANS IT'S AN AREA RUG.
DELIVERY

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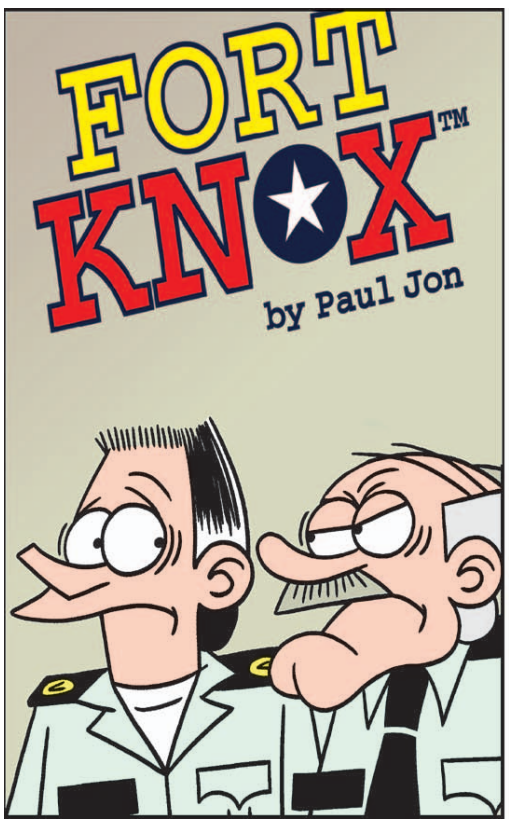

HOW'S IT GOING WITH MY MOTHER, GENERAL?
PRETTY WELL.
HAS SHE ACTUALLY SETTLED DOWN?
YEAH.
BUT NOW SHE'S CLINGY.
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WELL, AT LEAST YOU CAN ESCAPE HER BY COMING TO WORK EACH DAY.
NOT REALLY.
DON'T TELL ME SHE'S STALKING YOU IN THE PARKING LOT??
OF COURSE NOT.
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SHE'S UNDER MY DESK.

WIZARD OF ID

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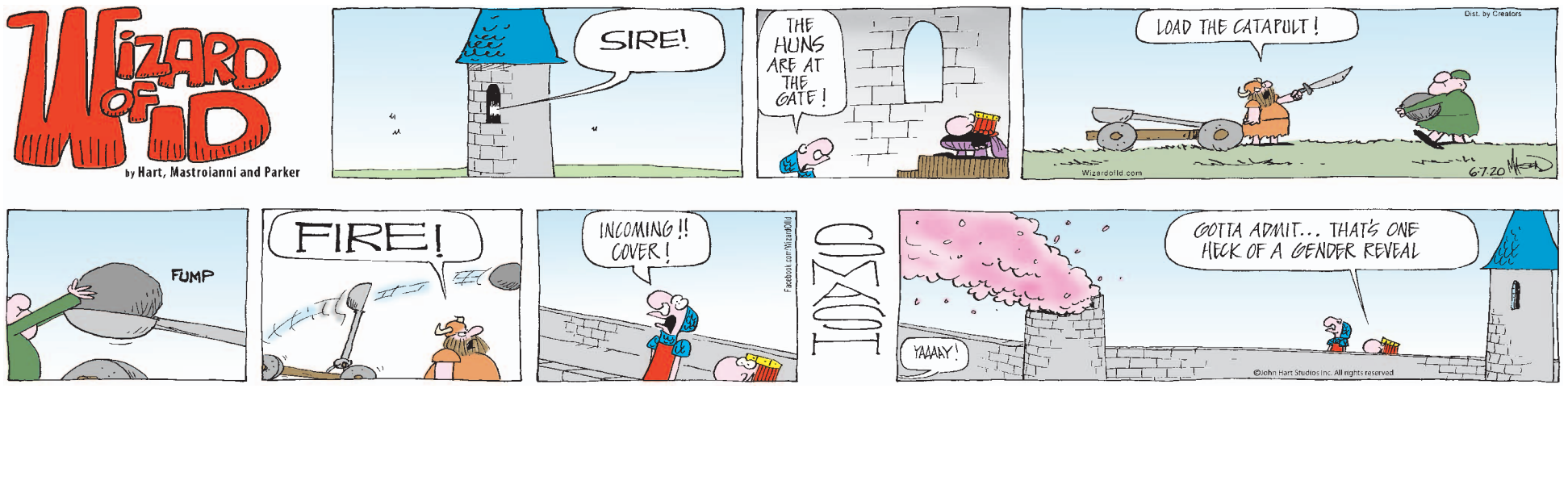

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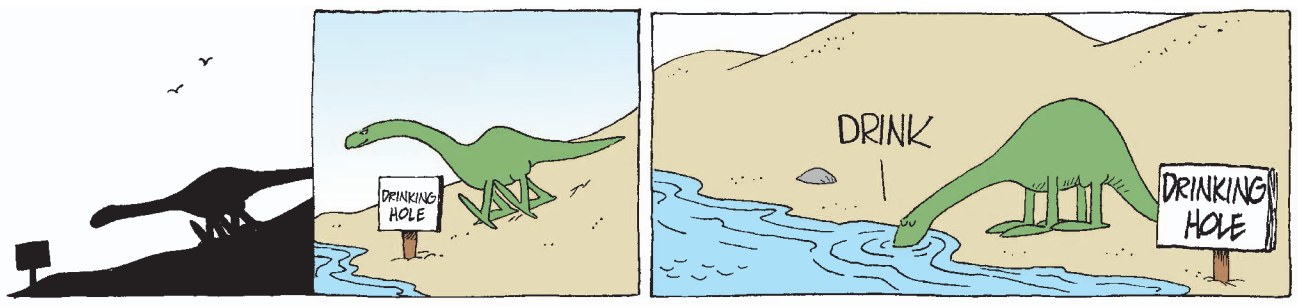

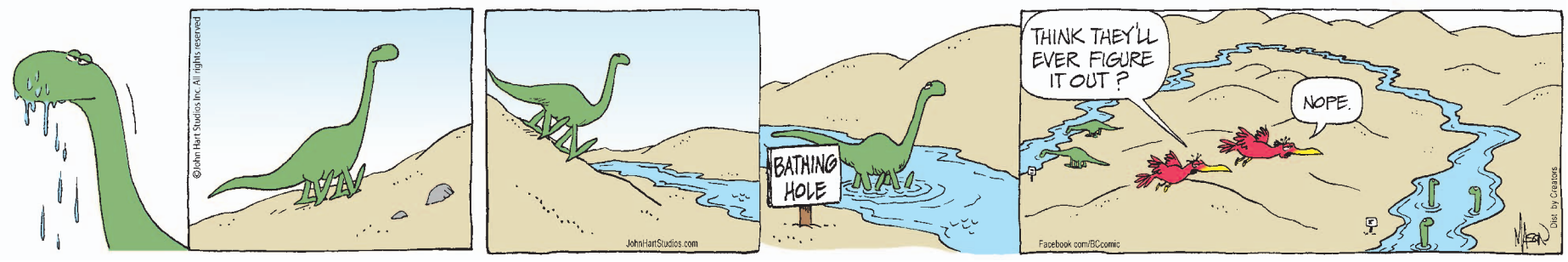

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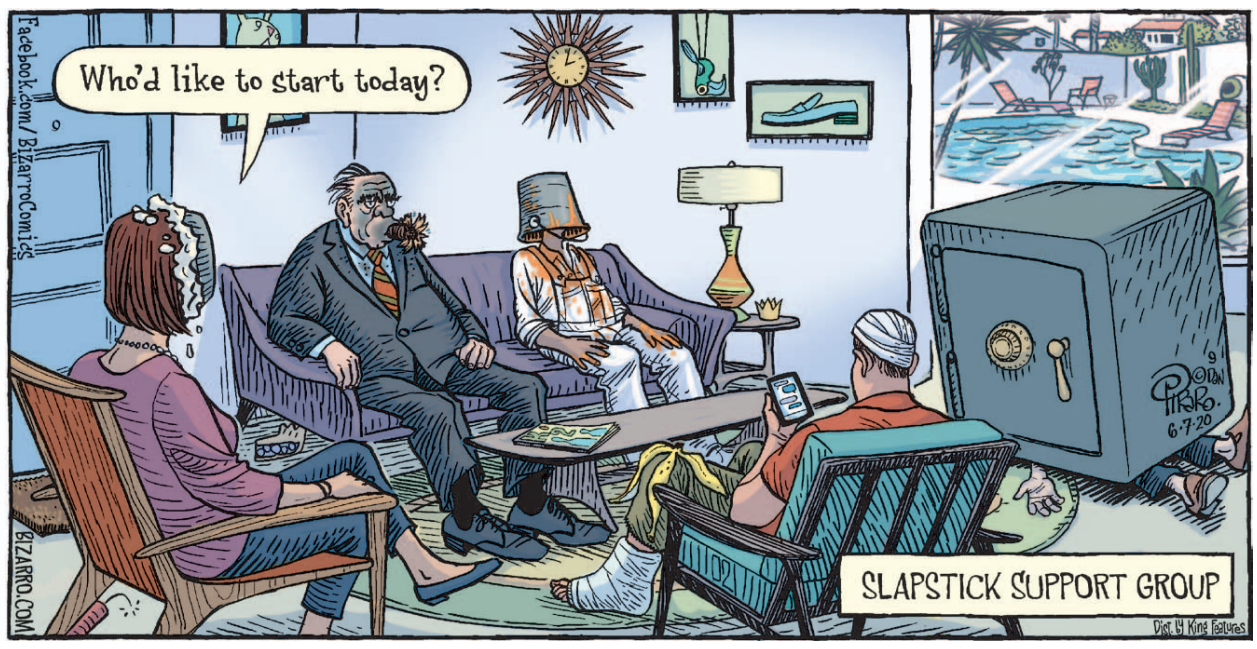

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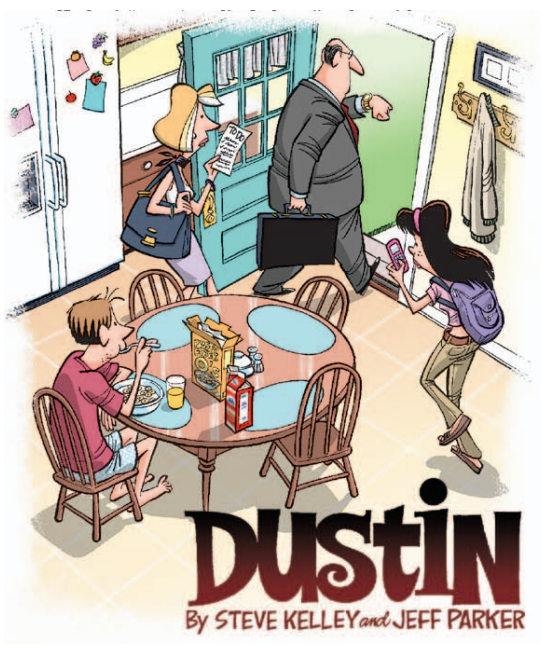
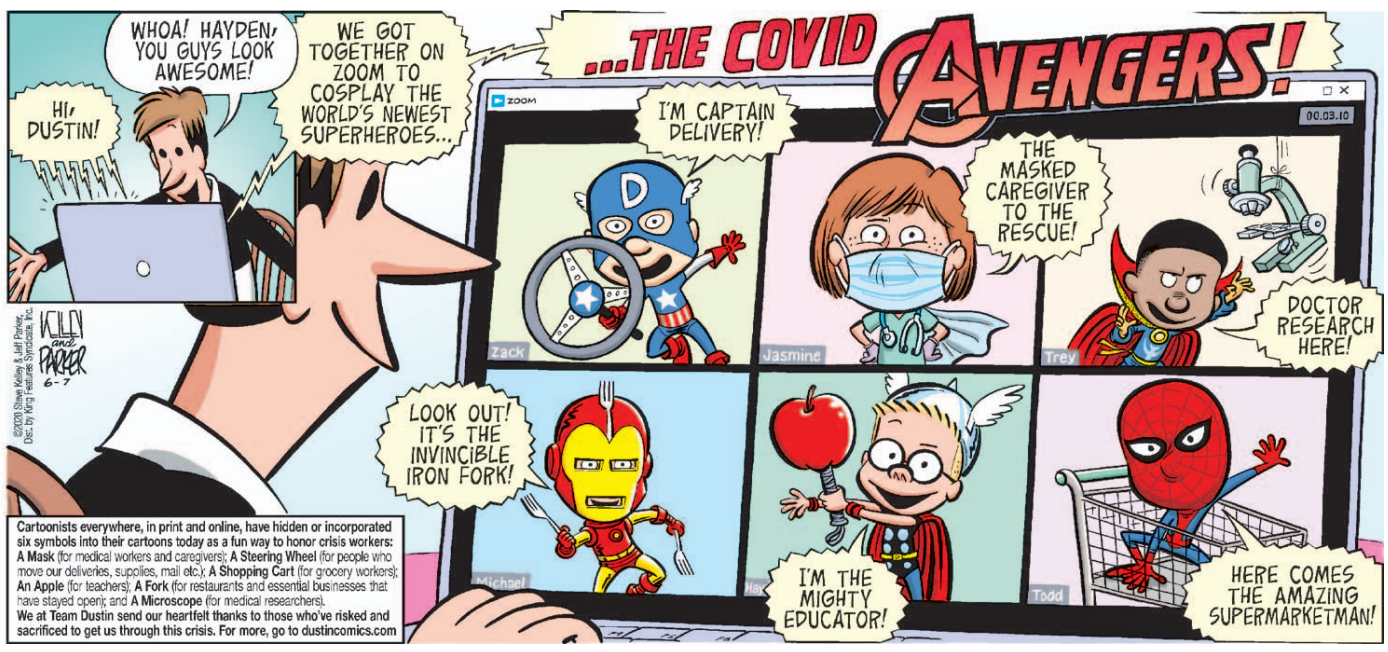
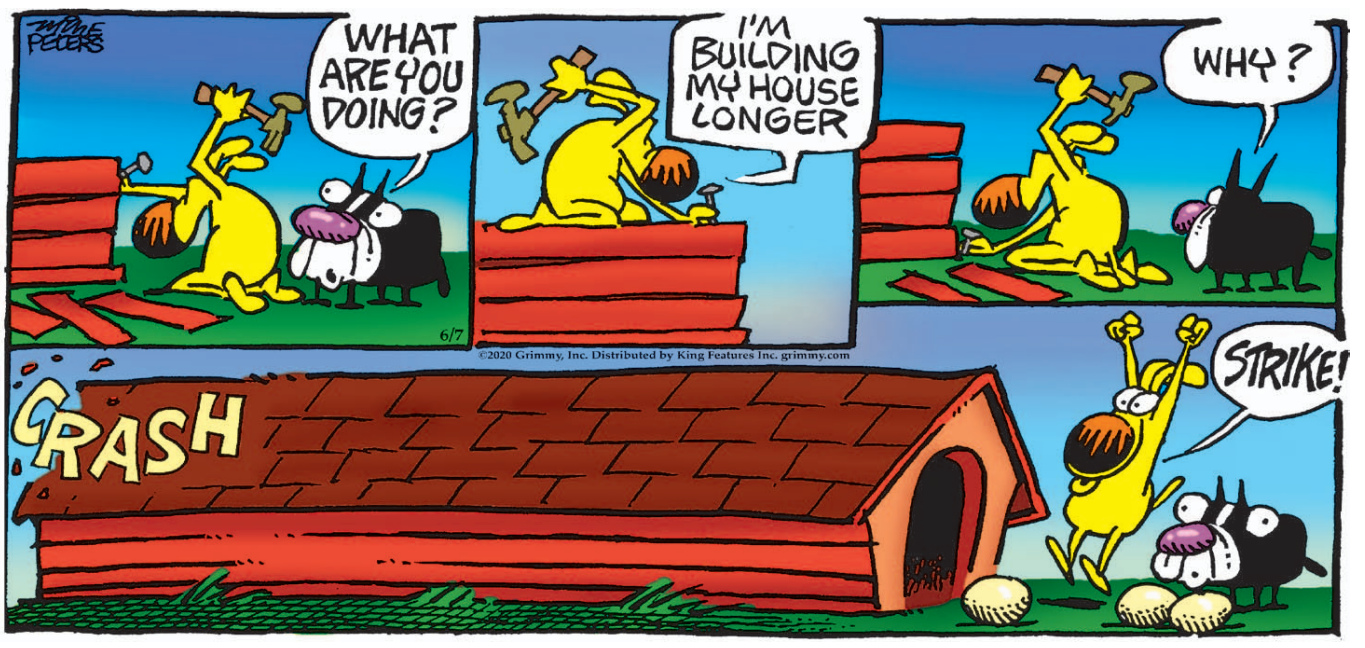




Cartoonists everywhere, in print and online, have hidden or incorporated six symbols into their cartoons today as a fun way to honor crisis workers: **A Mask** (for medical workers and caregivers); **A Steering Wheel** (for people who move our deliveries, supplies, mail etc.); **A Shopping Cart** (for grocery workers); **An Apple** (for teachers); **A Fork** (for restaurants and essential businesses that have stayed open); and **A Microscope** (for medical researchers).
We at Team Dustin send our heartfelt thanks to those who've risked and sacrificed to get us through this crisis. For more, go to dustincomics.com

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



PICKLES

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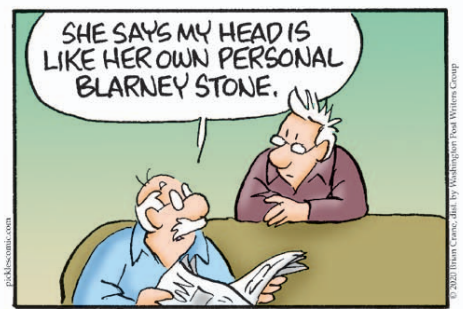
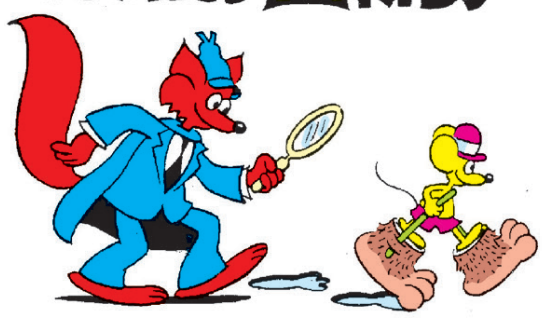
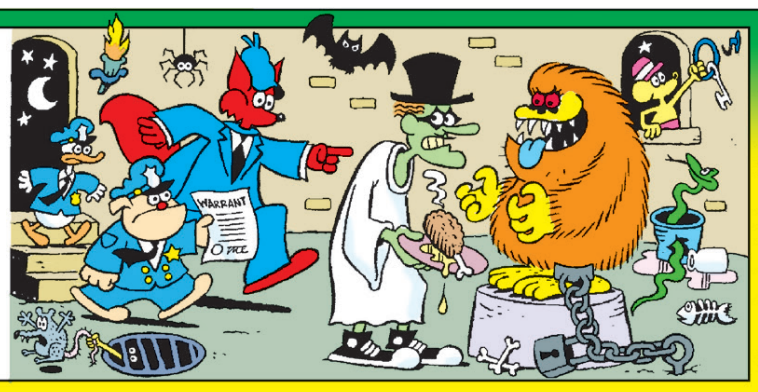


Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS



Slylock Fox received a tip that Count Weirdly is planning to release his monster into the forest during a month with 28 days. Slylock is determined to stop the count. What month fits Weirdly's planned release of the beast?

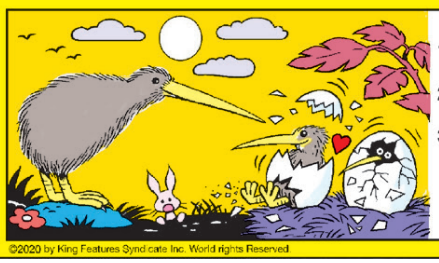
Solution -- Since every month contains 28 days, Slylock knows this month could be when Weirdly plans to release the monster. Fortunately, the fox and mouse's fast action prevented a disaster.



True or False

1) Kiwis are flightless birds.
2) Kiwis are found in Australia.
3) The kiwi has a beak that can sense prey moving underground.

Answer -- 1) True. 2) False. Kiwis are found only in New Zealand. 3) True.



It has been announced that skateboarding will make its Olympic debut at the 2021 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan.

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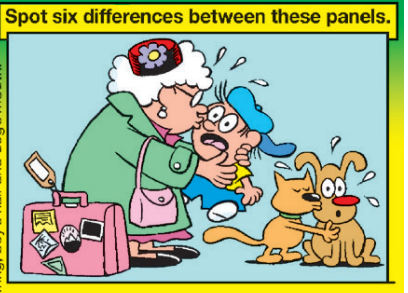
BOB WEBER JR and SR

Spot six differences between these panels.



Answer -- Handbag, flower, sticker, earring, boy's hair and dog's mouth.

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